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Borough may save £50,000 with schools music charges

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

MUSIC services within Bridgend's schools have been put under the spotlight, following an extensive review.

This was ordered in 2007 after a row over whether or not pupils should be charged for instrumental music lessons.

Officers wanted to save £50,000 a year by introducing charges.

The cabinet decided to leave policy unchanged until after a review was held.

The first phase of the review was reported to cabinet in July 2008, when it was agreed to proceed with a second phase which would include the views of pupils.

This has now been completed and a report on the review was presented to the Health and Well Being Scrutiny committee this week.

The meeting heard that the Bridgend instrumental music team consists of 16 teachers, and offers tuition at all levels in primary, junior and comprehensive schools throughout Bridgend.

At the moment, there are 1,500 pupils learning orchestral instruments, with additional

children taking part in the youth music orchestras and ensembles organised by the service.

The main factor identified by the children in improving the service and increasing the number taking part, was the chance to play a wider range of instruments not now available – or for which there is under-provision.

More than 40 per cent of the children who took part in the survey wanted to learn the drums, with 34 per cent wanting the guitar, 26 per cent the piano, 12 per cent the harp and 11 per cent the saxophone.

They also said that improvements would take place if existing instruments were repaired or replaced because they are damaged or in poor condition.

The survey also found that 67 per cent of year-9 pupils who take part in the tuition have never had any private lessons. It would appear, therefore, that the quality of the present teaching is not an issue.

The report states that providing more lessons in drums and the electric guitar, could only be achieved within the

present budget by cutting back on lessons for traditional orchestral instruments, but this would have a long term knock-on effect on the quality of the county orchestras, which reach high standards at present.

Improving the stock of instruments would require increased funding as the current budget for instruments is just £3,000 a year – which barely covers urgent repairs and replacement.

Report author Mark Shephard, who is head of Healthy Living, said that the findings from both these consultations reinforced the original report presented to cabinet in 2007.

He went on: "It is clear that the present service, while of high quality, has the potential for considerable improvement, both to meet the wide range of pupil aspirations, and also extend its inclusivity."

"This can only be done through greater investment in the service, or by releasing money for reinvestment by introducing a charge for the service."

"In the present financial situation, this may be considered a risk as it potentially could result in a lower take-up of the service."

Mr Shephard said that the intention in 2007 was to save £50,000 from the budget of the schools music service, but no decision has been made yet on this.

He added: "A clear steer as to the future direction of the service is now required."

The issue is to be reported to a future meeting of the cabinet and the scrutiny committee will also offer its own recommendations to cabinet on future action.

Cornelly burglary: Police appeal

POLICE are investigating a burglary at a house on Cornelius Close, South Cornelly, which took place sometime between 12.15pm on Friday, October 16 and 12.50pm on Monday, October 19.

A police spokesman said: "The occupants were away for the weekend and access to the house was gained by smashing a rear patio door.

"Among the stolen objects are two large flat screen Samsung televisions, a Canon digital camera, an X-Box 360, a Hewlett Packard PC and a Carrera Vulcan mountain bike."

Detective Sergeant Paul Mason of Bridgend CID said: "A considerable amount of property was stolen during the burglary, and the culprits would have needed a large car or a van to transport it.

"Access was gained as a result of smashing the rear patio door, so there would have been some noise caused by this, and the burglars would have been at the address for some time.

"Anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in the vicinity of Cornelius Close during the times stated, or who may have been offered any of these items to purchase, is asked to contact me at Bridgend Police Station."

Anyone with any information regarding this crime is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Paul Mason at Bridgend CID on 01656 679518, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Lecturer honoured for boosting the spirit of enterprise



Claire receives her certificate and prize of £100. Left to right: James Taylor (managing director, SportStars); Claire George (IT lecturer, Bridgend College) and Luc Benyon (education officer, Make your Mark).

A BRIDGEND College IT lecturer has won a prestigious national teaching award.

The college announced that Claire George has received the 'Most Enterprising Teacher Award 2009' from the education team at Enterprise UK, the campaign to increase entrepreneurial behaviour in the UK.

Claire was nominated by Fiona Neeson, enterprise and entrepreneurship champion at Bridgend College, in recognition of her hard work and commitment in "embedding entrepreneurship" into the curriculum at the college.

It is the first time this award has been received by a tutor from Wales.

Claire George said: "I am thrilled and honoured to receive such a presti-

gious award from the 'Make your Mark' team and look forward to celebrating this outstanding success with all my students."

The 'Make Your Mark' campaign is designed to offer teacher and student support to get enterprising thinking started in schools, through groups, clubs and challenges.

Luc Benyon, and education officer with 'Make your Mark', said: "The 'Make Your Mark' Club is a fantastic opportunity for students to allow their talents and interests to shine. It's great to be able to recognise the hard work that Claire has put into developing enterprise in the college."

Claire has been at the forefront of a number of enterprise initiatives organised by 'BIG' (Bridgend Innovative

Group) at Bridgend College. This has included a collaborative project with local primary schools whereby pupils were asked to design a logo for 'SMILE - Students Motivate Innovative Learning via Enterprise'.

A host of enterprise events will also take place at Bridgend College during Global Entrepreneurship Week, from November 16-22, 2009.

The celebratory lunch held in Claire's honour was also attended by her family, other Bridgend College lecturers and managers involved in previous enterprise initiatives, and Enterprise UK ambassador James Taylor, managing director of SportStars, who met with a group of Claire's students before the lunch.

Remembering the sacrifice of Bridgend's wartime workers

RIGHT:
This young lady is pictured laying a wreath in Dunraven Place, in Bridgend town centre, yet it is two weeks before Remembrance Sunday. So, what is the occasion? Turn to page 11 for a full report (and more photographs by Mandy Thomas).



Did you have a great time at the Cowbridge food and drink festival?

COWBRIDGE is basking in the glow of another successful food and drink festival – after the town was packed last weekend with visitors.

In a few short years, the event has pushed Cowbridge to the forefront of the foodie calendar – and the huge variety of stallholders who made the trip clearly shows how highly it is rated.

For Cowbridge, the weekend is not just about buying something

different for the pantry or the wine cellar. The joie de vivre and bonhomie created by the event meant that pubs in the town were packed out for the festival weekend!

The GEM was there, sampling the food, the wine and the atmosphere – and also some of the more unusual offerings!

For full details, see our special three-page food festival report on pages 21, 22 and 23.

'BACK BOSCH WORKERS' WELSH ASSEMBLY URGED

AN MP has called on the Assembly to do "everything it can" to support the Bosch plant in Miskin and its workers.

John Smith, MP for the Vale, pointed out that Bosch announced a 90-day consultation process with its workforce over the possibility of having to lay off 300 employees in 2010, and possibly closing the plant in 2011 – if no commercially viable new business is available.

"Having met with Bosch managers earlier this year, I knew the plant and its workers were facing very difficult times due to a dramatic drop in sales. I am deeply concerned about the current situa-

tion which has greatly deteriorated.

"Bosch is a valued and important employer. I have written to WAG seeking assurances that they will redouble their efforts to help secure the future of the site, and more importantly, provide every assistance to workers who are made redundant to find alternative employment in the area," the MP stated.

Vale AM Jane Hutt has also added her support for the workforce.

Ms Hutt said: "I was extremely disappointed to hear this disturbing news. I have had meetings with the Bosch management and

plant council regarding the situation at the plant, and have previously written to the chairman of the board, Mr Franz Fehrenbach, to urge him to take account of the skills and contribution of the Welsh plant at Miskin.

"A great deal of money has been invested into the plant by Wales and the company, which is meeting with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

"I believe it is important that no further action should be taken regarding the future of this plant until after these discussions," the AM added.

The Bridgend Soroptimists raised important issues

I WAS delighted to have recently had the chance to meet the Bridgend Soroptimists.

Members and guests raised issues including the importance of dignity in hospital and care settings, use of computers and the importance of good, timely and clear information.

I appreciated the lively debate and am looking forward to my next official visit to Bridgend in November.

If anyone wants to find out more about Bridgend Soroptimists, they should contact the secretary, Mrs Christine Phillips on 01656 658678.

The Older People's Commission for Wales can be contacted on 08442 66 06 07.

May I express my thanks to everyone who attended and made this event so worthwhile.

Ruth Marks,
(Older People's
Commissioner for
Wales)

To sell or not to sell – that is the (MP's) question!

BRIDGEND MP
Madeleine Moon recently put herself in the shoes of a shopworker trying to decide whether a young person is old enough to buy alcohol.

"The event in Westminster was part of retail union Udsaw's 'Freedom From Fear' campaign. This year, the campaign is focussing on the difficult decisions shopworkers face on a daily basis when trying to decide whether someone looks old enough to buy alcohol or other age-restricted goods," she explained.

"This exercise made me realise just how hard it is to tell the age of a young person.

Shopworkers have to make that on-the-spot judgement all the time.

Refusing to serve someone who is underage is often a flashpoint for abuse, both physical and verbal, but even asking for ID is often enough to make many people kick-off at the shopworker.

"On the other hand, if the shopworker serves someone who is underage, they are liable to an £80 fixed penalty notice, with repeated breaches incurring a court appearance or a fine of up to £1,000.

Shopworkers aren't paid huge amounts and they are in a difficult position of having to guess who to challenge.

I hope that shoppers in Bridgend and Porthcawl will be patient with shopworkers and produce ID if asked.

"I am also asking the Government to look at whether the balance is right on this issue."

Police surgery

Neighbourhood policing teams across Bridgend are planning for next week's Home Office initiative – entitled 'Not in My Neighbourhood Week'.

The initiative is running throughout Wales and England and aims to provide the public with information about local policing, and greater reassurance.

The week begins in the Newcastle ward in Bridgend, with a specially arranged police surgery, hosted by PCSO Christian Freeth.

The surgery will run between 9am and 4pm on Monday, November 2 at Llangwydd Road, oppo-

site the post office.

PCSO Freeth said: "As part of the Not in My Neighbourhood initiative, we will be offering a range of crime prevention advice, in terms of personal security as well as domestic and vehicle security."

"As well as providing helpful advice, we want to hear from as many members of the public as possible.

"We want to learn about their concerns and what worries they may have about the community they live and work in."

"We would also like to hear from them about what they think are the good points about where they live so we can build on these for the future."

Ogmore AM says 'please wear it pink!'



ABOVE: Janice Gregory AM is pictured wearing it pink.

OGMORE AM

Janice Gregory is supporting the Breast Cancer Campaign's national fundraising event, wear it pink, on Friday, October 30.

People are encouraged to wear something pink and each donate £2 to fund breast cancer research.

Last year, over one and a half million people took part in wear it pink to help improve survival rates for the one in nine women who experience breast cancer.

To take part in the UK's original and best pink day call freephone 0800 107 3104 or visit www.wearitpink.co.uk to receive your free fundraising pack now.

Social workers are sought by county borough

A NEW campaign to recruit social workers has been launched by Bridgend County Borough Council.

us to continue to improve our performance and outcomes for children."

Rhian John (27), from Bridgend, is a social worker with Bridgend County Borough Council. She works in the assessment team of the children's directorate.

She said: "I developed an interest in social work while I was working as a youth worker and play-scheme worker for the council a number of years ago.

"I wanted to help safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and families within my local area, and to enable them to have the best life chances possible."

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New plan for empty Porthcawl restaurant

AN empty restaurant in Porthcawl could soon have a new use.

Environmental group Sussed, which is based in the town, wants to take over the old Coast restaurant in Dock Street. It is closed down earlier this year.

Outlining the proposal, Margaret Minihinnick told Porthcawl Town Council that they hope to get funding through grants to develop the building as a community cultural and education centre.

The group want to buy the premises, which would still be used as a café bar and restaurant, although some of the ground floor dining area would also be used as a performance space, and also for creative arts displays, workshops and training sessions.

The centre would also become a convenient meeting place for people, located close to the harbour.

The story of a local VC hero

JAMES LLEWELLYN DAVIES, a Corporal in the 13th Battalion, Royal Welch Fusiliers, was born in Ebbw Vale and his family moved to Fronwen, Ogmor Vale, when he was a very small child.

He later resided at Nantymoel Row. He was born on March 16, 1886, the third of eight children.

He was educated at Ogmor Vale and Nantymoel schools and enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery at Bridgend on October 112, 1914, and was then transferred to the Royal Welch Fusiliers on June 5, 1915.

He served in the Dardanelles operations until December 1915, when he was hospitalised at Alexandria, Egypt, suffering from enteric fever. He returned to Britain in January 1916 and was treated at Stobhill Military Hospital, Scotland.

He then re-joined the Royal Welch Fusiliers in October 1916 and served in France and Flanders in October 1916 to July 1917.

He won the Victoria Cross (for action at Polygon Wood, Pilken, Belgium) and his other medals were the 1911-15 Star, British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

He married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of William Richards of Nantymoel, on March

1906. She later remarried. They had three sons and a daughter (William, John, Morgan, Alwyn and Priscilla).

James died of wounds received at Pilken Ridge on July 31, 1917. He is buried at Canada Farm Cemetery, Elverdinge (Plot 2, row B, grave 18). The museum of the Royal Welch Fusiliers holds his medals.

His citation from the *London Gazette* dated September 6, 1917, reads: "For most conspicuous bravery during an attack on the enemy line, this Non-Commissioned Officer pushed through the British barrage that was being laid down and single-handed attacked a German machine gun post after several of his men had been killed in an attempt to take it.

He bayoneted one of the machine gun crew and brought back another man, together with the enemy machine gun.

Corporal Davies, although wounded, then led a bombing party on the assault of a defended house and killed a sniper who was harassing his platoon.

This gallant NCO has since died of wounds received during the attack. The VC was presented to his widow and eldest son by HM King George V at Buckingham Palace on October 20, 1917."

• Written by Mr RB Donovan with permission and from information supplied by relatives. Mr Donovan served in the 1st and 2nd battalions of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

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council and its arts officers to raise the profile of activities in the area.

The report to the town council said that the restaurant had strong commercial potential and would concentrate on serving local food and ethical food.

The restaurant would be run commercially three or four evenings a week and the café would offer a lunch time food service. There would also be training for would-be chefs, waiters and bar staff.

The restaurant is fully equipped to cater for 80 customers and would be located in a strategic position in relation to the regeneration proposals for the harbour area.

Porthcawl Town Council has agreed to back the group's applications for grants from various bodies and has written a letter of support for that purpose.

Musician lines up in celebrity showcase

A TALENTED young Bridgend musician will be among a carefully selected ensemble of artists to perform alongside Wales' favourite composer at Wales Millennium Centre on November 14.

Huw Morgan will perform with the Welsh Youth Orchestra, Sinfonia Cymru, as part of Celebrating Karl Jenkins, showcasing the composer's work to mark his 65th birthday.

The concert will feature some of Jenkins' best known works including excerpts from the million-selling *Adiemus: Songs of Sanctuary, Requiem and The Armed Man*, as well as a new composition to mark the 10th anniversary of devolution.

Also taking part will be X Factor runner-up Rhydian Roberts, international soprano Rebecca Evans, harpist Catrin Finch and the talented young singer-songwriter Elin Fflur.

They will be joined by the massed voices of Welsh choirs Cymru.

Côr Caerdydd: Aelwyd y Waun Ddyfia; Cantata; and Sinfonia Cymru. Sharing the podium with Karl on the evening will be conductor Gareth Jones.

Although just 22, Huw Morgan has performed in Asia, Europe and North America.

The Cefn Glas-born trumpeter began playing the instrument at seven years old and won a scholarship to Chetham's School of Music at 14.

An enthusiastic chamber musician, Morgan has also performed for the Prince of Wales.

Huw, who is a former Porthcawl Comprehensive student, has worked with the London Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia, Hallé and the BBC Philharmonic, as well as touring extensively as a soloist.

Now acting associate principal trumpet with the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, he lives in Finland.

Celebrating Karl Jenkins is in the Donald Gordon Theatre on November 14. To book tickets, call the ticket and information line on 08700 40 2000.

Police take anti-drugs message on the road

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for Bridgend is planning its latest drugs awareness road show, following a similar event held in Wildmill in September.

The latest event is being coordinated by Sergeant Mark Watkins and PC Kelly Thomas. It will be held at Bridgend Bus Station on Monday, November 2 and run from 12pm-5pm.

Sgt Watkins said: "The road show is for mem-

bers of the public, young people, residents, families, or anyone affected by drink or drugs to come and speak to us in a safe environment and learn more about the topics.

"Members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, the National Health Service, Ogwr Dash, the Yellow Project and other agencies, will be on hand to offer advice and information to anyone affected by drugs or alcohol.

"There will be a separate private consultation room available at the bus station, should anyone

CAT DEATHS PROMPT POSTER

Animal charity picks Bridgend for shock billboard campaign



ABOVE: The billboard in Nolton Street that pulls no punches in getting its message across.

by PHILIP IRWIN

a photograph of Steven Barker alongside the message 'Animal Abuser, Baby Abuser, Rapist. People Who Are Violent Towards Animals Rarely Stop There'.

A society spokeswoman said: "It has now been erected in Wales following a spate of cat deaths that may have resulted from a premeditated act."

The protest group, PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) originally erected the billboard in Haringey, the London borough where Baby P died.

The billboard shows

Crime prevention surgeries in Brackla

THE Neighbourhood Policing Team at Brackla, Bridgend is planning crime prevention surgeries leading up to Christmas.

On Friday, November 27, in preparation for the Christmas season there will be a ladies pampering evening.

Both events will take place in Sam Lifelong Learning Centre.

aspects of prevention. They are available to any member of the public who wants to come along for advice or even just to meet their Brackla Community team.

Surgeries will take place as follows: November 4 and 14, 5pm-7pm at the Co-op, The Triangle; November 8, 5pm-7pm, Meadows, Clos y Wern; December 11, 5pm-7pm, at the Co-op, The Triangle; December 17, 10.30am-12.30pm in conjunction with Brackla surgery; December 23, 5pm-7pm at the Co-op, The Triangle.

Maesteg council NEWS IN BRIEF

MAESTEG town council has made the following donations: Wales Air Ambulance, £200; Bridgend Youth Service Youth dance finals, £200; Maesteg Shotokan karate club, £100; Bobath Cymru Children's Therapy centre, £100; Urdd Gobaith Cymru

family chapel of mayor Steve Smith. He welcomed guests to the service, including heads of neighbouring community councils and representatives of valley organisations.

The service was conducted by Mrs Eirwen Thomas and was followed by tea at Blaenllynfi Infants School.

Entertainment was provided by Nikki Casey.

Women run the show at Biotec



STAFF at Biotec Services International Ltd welcomed Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon recently when she dropped in to congratulate the company on its recent Queen's Award for Excellence in International Trade.

Mrs Moon was unable to make the official award presentation in July, but wanted to make a concerted effort to applaud Biotec staff personally on receiving such a prestigious accolade.

Chief executive officer, Keren Winmill, said: "We were honoured that

Mrs Moon took time out of her busy schedule to pay us a personal visit. We thought that it would be a fleeting visit but we were delighted that she was able to meet and greet all members of staff, and stay for a full tour of the building."

Madeleine Moon commented: "It was good to meet three highly-qualified and skilled women working at the cutting edge of the pharmaceutical industry, based in Bridgend but providing services across the world."

"In receiving the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade Category, Biotec has received recognition of the exceptional success and growth that they have achieved over the

ABOVE:
Chief executive officer, Keren Winmill, business development director, Fiona Withey and operations director, Rachel Griffiths who led the tour for Mrs Moon.

past two years. The management and staff of the company are leading the way for Wales in the pharmaceutical industry."

Biotec received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the category of International Trade in April this year, following a very successful business development campaign in the US, Japan and Israel in 2008.

SOMEWHERE in Bridgend county borough, a special £1,000 'ladder' has been provided to help eels make their way upstream.

This is because Environment Agency Wales is playing their part in a European-wide drive to increase the low numbers of eels by building eel passes, and by considering new bylaws to protect them from over fishing.

The eel population across the northern hemisphere has seen a dramatic fall since 1970. It is believed that numbers are as low as five per cent of the historic European eel stocks. The reason behind this dramatic decline largely

NCT SALE

THE National Child Birth Trust will be holding a nearly-new sale in Bridgend on Saturday, November 7, from 11am-12.30pm.

Entrance, £1 donation per family (in aid of NCT charity). Items for sale are children's clothes, toys, baby equipment, maternity wear and prams. For details telephone Julie on 01656 662564.

remains a mystery due to the difficulty in tracking them during their migration.

Part of the solution is to help them reach prime grounds so they can develop, grow and mature by adding special eel ladders to existing fish passes in Wales.

The ladders, costing around £1000 each, are brush-like in design and give the eels and elvers a structure to grip and climb up as they pass manmade weirs that were built during our industrial past.

"We are working to improve access, restock rivers and control how many are taken and hope to see their numbers grow. Eels are a major part of the diet of wildlife like otters, herons and bitterns and form an integral part of the Welsh ecosystem."

Three passes have been fitted at Dolbant Weir on the River Clettwr (Llanfihangel-Ar-Arth, Teifi River), the River Melindwr (Capel Bangor, Rheidol River) and on the River Ewenny (Bridgend, River Ogmore).

Eels, spawning habits are the exact opposite of the other migratory river users: the salmon and the sea-trout. Whereas the salmon migrate upstream to spawn, the eels migrate out to the Sargasso Sea to reproduce.

The young eels, called glass eels when they are at sea, then get carried by the Gulf Stream and reach river systems across Europe.

The elvers spend up to 10 to 20 years before being mature enough to start the 3,500 mile journey across the Atlantic Ocean to the Sargasso Sea off the coast of

Bermuda to breed. Stephen Carter, leading the project for Environment Agency Wales, said: "Eels are an important part of the wildlife in our rivers and we have seen an alarming decline in recent years. Part of the problem is they cannot get past the man made weirs that were built during our industrial past.

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Halloween fancy dress gig

THERE will be a Halloween fancy dress party at Porthcawl Rugby Club on October 30 at 7.30pm in aid of Velindre Hospital.

Eight bands are playing and the music will be a mix of many genres.

For tickets and further information, telephone 01656 772963.

Thursday, October 29th, 2009

RESULTS FROM GEM QUIZ LEAGUE

Oldcastle break their quiz duck

MOST scores on Monday, October 19, were up a bit and well into the 40s.

In Division One, Royal Oak Nomads got 51, despite being a man short, thus spoiling Maesteg Catholic Club's 100 per cent record, while retaining their own.

Mackworth Arms are also on 100 per cent after a nail-biting finish at Llynni Arms, whom they edged out by 44-43.

Tondu Railway Club were narrow winners at Prince of Wales 'A' by 47-44 and Royal Oak Royals are just below the leading bunch, having won 45-35 at Llangeinor AFC. The remaining match in the division was Oldcastle 'A', getting their first win of the season away to Laleston Inn 'A' by 42-35.

In the second division, Prince of Wales 'B' had top score, 51 against Swan Poachers, who had 44. After a low score last week, Heol-y-Cyw RFC bounced back with 50, but had to be satisfied with a draw against Llangwydd Arms.

With two questions to go Llangwydd led 50-44 but were denied a win

mainly due to lack of a soccer expert. Pyle RFC are without a win even though they scored 48. Oldcastle 'B' managed one better. Cabo Roche (ex-Five Bells) have begun well. This week they beat Laleston Inn 'B' by 48-45. Finally, Gamekeepers were unable to fulfil their fixture with Oddfellows Arms.

Here are the four specials from recent games:

1) What is the capital of the US State of Missouri?

2) Which Prime Minister, born in 1917, was assassinated on October 31, 1984?

3) From which Portuguese side did Manchester Utd. sign their forward Nani in 2007?

4) Which famous entertainer's autobiography was entitled *Arias and Raspberries*?

A RUDGE Hon Sec, BGQL

ANSWERS:
1. Jefferson City.
2. India Gandhi.
3. Sophie Loren.
4. Harry Secombe.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT LITCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

New website will keep in touch with what's going on

NEW WEBSITE

WE would like to inform parents of our new school website, www.litchard-primary.bridgend.gov.uk.

On the website you will find details of all school facilities, school policies, staff, clubs, diary of events etc. Many thanks to Mrs Stephens and Mrs Parslow for all their hard work in setting up and maintaining it.

CINEMA TRIP

NEARLY all the pupils of the school have enjoyed free trip to the Odeon Cinema.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed watching *Madagascar 2* or *The Tales of Despereaux*, and it was well worth the walk up the hill.

Thank you to Mrs Morgan from the junior department, and Mrs Gilbert from the infant department for organising this treat.

CHILDREN IN NEED

WE will be joining in the fun again this year for Children in Need

on Friday, November 20.

Our theme this year is 'Super Hero Dress up Day'. So come along dressed as your favourite superhero – you can even make up your own!

SHOES FOR AFRICA

A BIG thank you to everyone who sent in their old shoes for the 'Shoes for Africa' appeal.

We had a fantastic response – 14 black bags full from the infant department and 18 from the juniors! Every child who brought in shoes was given a raffle ticket, and well done to Seanna-Leigh Williams from 5C, who won a t-shirt and highlighter pens.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to William Prosser and Benji Edwards, both from 5C, for competing in the Bridgend County Borough schools cross-country race at Ynysawdre Comprehensive School.

Both boys did exceptionally well in their age categories, with Benji coming first and Will

coming sixth.

GYMNASTS

KIERAN CHALMERS from Mrs Hughes' class has received his British Gymnastics awards 5 and 6 and Lauren Webster from Mrs Gilbert's class received a merit on her bronze level gymnastics award.

SUPER SWIMMERS

WELL done to the following children for their swimming awards received recently:

Nursery class, Ella Matthews on receiving her Puffin Award.

Year-1, Taneeka Sedgebeer – 10m swimming; **Rubi Lewis** – National plan award stage 1; **Porsha Roberts** – 5m National swim award; **Archie Waagenes** – Duckling awards 3 and 4; **Declan Waagenes** – Duckling Award 3.

Year-2, Samuel Lewis – Stage 3 and 5 award; **Ryan Neagle** – Stage 3 award; **Adil Miah** – Stage 1 and 2 National swim award; **Louis Edwards** – Stage 4 National plan award; **William Watkins** –

25m swimming award and Stage 6 National plan award; **Kieran Chalmers** – 10m Backstroke award and 10m Front Crawl award

MUSIC

THE following children played the piano brilliantly in assembly recently.

Dafydd Rees from year-2 played *Chimes*. **Grace George** from year-2 played *We wish you a Merry Christmas* and Lewys Hall from year-1 played *Going Home*.

Nia Humble from year-1 recorded a tape of herself playing a series of piano exercises and *When the Saints Come Marching In* and brought it into school for everyone to listen.

KEEP ON

RUNNING!

DYLAN LEWIS from year-2 would like to say a big well done to his dad, who ran the Cardiff half marathon last weekend.

The staff would also like to congratulate Learning Support Officer Sian Duffy for competing in the same race.

Eel meet again in the Ogmore river

SOMEWHERE in Bridgend county borough, a special £1,000 'ladder' has been provided to help eels make their way upstream.

This is because Environment Agency Wales is playing their part in a European-wide drive to increase the low numbers of eels by building eel passes, and by considering new bylaws to protect them from over fishing.

The eel population across the northern hemisphere has seen a dramatic fall since 1970. It is believed that numbers are as low as five per cent of the historic European eel stocks. The reason behind this dramatic decline largely

remains a mystery due to the difficulty in tracking them during their migration.

Part of the solution is to help them reach prime grounds so they can develop, grow and mature by adding special eel ladders to existing fish passes in Wales.

The ladders, costing around £1000 each, are brush-like in design and give the eels and elvers a structure to grip and climb up as they pass manmade weirs that were built during our industrial past.

"We are working to improve access, restock rivers and control how many are taken and hope to see their numbers grow. Eels are a major part of the diet of wildlife like otters, herons and bitterns and form an integral part of the Welsh ecosystem."

Three passes have been fitted at Dolbant Weir on the River Clettwr (Llanfihangel-Ar-Arth, Teifi River), the River Melindwr (Capel Bangor, Rheidol River) and on the River Ewenny (Bridgend, River Ogmore).

Eels, spawning habits are the exact opposite of the other migratory river users: the salmon and the sea-trout. Whereas the salmon migrate upstream to spawn, the eels migrate out to the Sargasso Sea to reproduce.

The young eels, called glass eels when they are at sea, then get carried by the Gulf Stream and reach river systems across Europe.

The elvers spend up to 10 to 20 years before being mature enough to start the 3,500 mile journey across the Atlantic Ocean to the Sargasso Sea off the coast of

Pencoed – single storey extension to side of property for shower, WC and a whb – for use of a disabled person.

Mr and Mrs Griffiths – 7

St George's Avenue,

Wildmill, Bridgend –

various new signage.

Mr and Mrs Griffiths – 7

Llan Road, Maesteg –

proposed ground floor

extension to rear.

Mr and Mrs Richardson – 34 Bangor Terrace,

Maesteg – cover open

area at side, replace win-

dow with door, erect porch and conservatory.

Valleys to Coast – land at Caerau (Griffiths

Glam CC No 03).

Groundwork Bridgend & NPT – The Engine

House, Parc Tondu,

Tondu – works to trees

including felling and

coppice ((1954) BCBC

No 02).

Glowcharge Limited –

land adjacent to

Australian Terrace,

Bridgend – erect secu-

rency fence two metres high to secure the land against flytipping.

Mr I Walker – 70 South

Road, Porthcawl – new

car port/garage.

Ms C Hill – 16 Court

Street, Maesteg – single

storey extension to rear

to provide single bed-

room and en-suite shower room.

BCBC Resources

Directorate – Civic

Centre Offices, Angel

Street, Bridgend –

install solar panels on

the south west roof of

the Civic Centre.

Mr and Mrs Wong – 1

Riverside, Aberkenfig –

loft conversion to create

two new rooms.

Mr and Mrs D Jones –

15 Pant Hirgoed,

Cross –

– Aberbaiden Tips, nr

Pen y Bryn, Margam –

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Crown Road and

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detached property on

Plot 1.

RJ Murray Construction

Ltd – land between

Crown Road and

Crown Rise, Maesteg –

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detached property on

Plot 1.

RJ Murray Construction

Ltd – land between

Crown Road and

Crown Rise, Maesteg –

demolish existing

dormers and construct

new bedrooms and bath-

rooms with dormers.

THE AIM IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT...

A new 'back to work' scheme is launched at Kenfig Nature Reserve

A NEW scheme aimed at tackling unemployment through community-based environmental projects is being launched in Bridgend county borough.

The scheme, which is a partnership between Communities First, Bridgend County Borough Council, Valleys to Coast (V2C), the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Countryside Council for Wales and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) had its official launch at Kenfig National Nature Reserve last week.

Entitled the 'Family Employment and Social Enterprise Initiative', it



encourages unemployed people and families to become involved in local environmental projects in their own communities and housing estates.

The scheme is being run by the Communities

First partnerships of Cornelly and Wildmill and BTCV, and is one of only seven across Wales to be selected by the Welsh Assembly Government.

A spokeswoman for BTCV said: "The key

aim is to increase the number of local people in work, provide opportunities for families and individuals to take part in community environmental projects and also to provide pathways to self employment, co-operatives, community businesses and the establishment of social enterprises."

Typical projects tackled by the volunteers include painting a mural on a subway wall in Wildmill, and a 'community clear-up' in Marlas, which will also create new flower beds.

Coun John Spanswick, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, as well as being the authority's biodiversity champion, said: "I am delighted that the scheme has been chosen to run in our county borough.

"The current economy means these are

LEFT: Clearing scrubby at Kenfig Nature Reserve.

challenging times, but this shows how committed the council and its partners are to finding innovative solutions and support."

Tom Flood, the chief executive of BTCV UK added: "Our research proves the positive benefit volunteering has for individuals, communities and the wider environment."

"Our aim is to give those affected by long term unemployment in Wales a renewed purpose and a positive outlet for their energies."

Terry Barrett of BCBC's social economy team expressed excitement at the prospect of estate-based social enterprises being developed out of this project, which will offer real benefits to communities with local employment opportunities.

Work starts on a community's new £5m centre



We have lift-off! Celebration line-up at Waterton.

A CEREMONIAL 'first turf' has been cut, marking the start of building work to create a £5million new community resource centre at Waterton, Bridgend.

When it opens in 2011, the purpose-built centre will offer a wide-range of specialist and therapeutic services for adults with profound learning disabilities and complex needs. It forms part of a wider modernisation strategy for this particular council service.

Coun Mel Nott,

Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, and Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for wellbeing, joined colleagues who have helped make the access roads and site ready, to officially mark the start of building work by the contractors Interserve.

Coun Nott said: "I'm very proud of the progress that has been made so far and for the future of this exciting new facility, which will have a huge impact on adults with learning difficulties. I am honoured to have been invited to cut the first turf."

Also present was Jeff Jones from Ogmore Vale

who has been a service user for 35 years. He is also a volunteer with Bridgend People First and teaches disability awareness to children in schools.

Jeff said: "I'm really excited about it opening and I hope it will be really good. The centre means we have lots of things to do like computers. It will be nice to have a new place."

Dennis Pincott, secretary of the Bridgend Parents Forum, added: "I'm absolutely delighted that this is going forward. It will enhance the quality of life for people with profound learning disabilities."

GIFT OF £330 FOR RESCUE KENNELS



ABOVE: Pictured (from left to right) David Owen, Alan Shovlar, Janet Long (manager) and Philip Morgan (owner) of Croft Rescue Kennels being presented with a cheque for £330 by Vicky Barree, Community Matters co-ordinator for Waitrose Barry.

CROFT RESCUE KENNELS has received a cheque of £330 thanks to the Community Matters scheme run by Waitrose store in Barry.

The money helped towards surgery for French bulldog, Tia, pictured in the arms of

Croft manager Janet Long, to remove growths in both of her ears. Tia is now making great progress and is now a very happy dog.

Tia has been at Croft Rescue Kennels for four months, and is one of many dogs which are brought to the kennels by the Dog Warden covering the Vale of Glamorgan.

The kennels only receive funding for the first seven days after a dog arrives in their care – after that all costs are borne by Philip Morgan the owner.

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Veteran's badge for Ena Mary



BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon recently visited veteran Mrs Ena Mary Richards of Porthcawl, to present her with a Veterans' Badge.

Mrs Richards served in the British Army.

NFU Ladies meet a blue badge guide!

THE Bridgend branch of Ladies NFU held its October meeting, attended by 25 ladies, when the guest speaker was Mrs Audrey Griffiths, a Blue Badge guide for the Welsh Tourist Board.

The Blue Badge guide is the highest in guiding and Mrs Griffiths talked about her experiences as

a freelance guide showing them the sights of Wales. Quite a few of the Americans had roots in Wales and wished to visit their ancestors' villages.

Mrs Griffiths was thanked by Mrs Margaret Edwards.

Later, the raffle was won Mrs Helena Davies. The ladies were holding a coffee morning on November 24, with cake stall, book stall, tombola and raffle at Penllyn Village Hall.

'Oxjam' brings another star attraction to the food and drink festival

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

FOR those visitors who were exhausted by the non-stop tasting of wines, beers and food-stuffs, the Living Cafe was a great place to take a break during the Cowbridge food



ABOVE:
Another act on
stage for 'Oxjam'
was Paul.
(Photograph by
Richard Skinner.)

and drink festival at the weekend.

In a charity event to highlight the work of Oxfam, local musicians staged an 'Oxjam' and various acts took to the stage during Sunday afternoon.

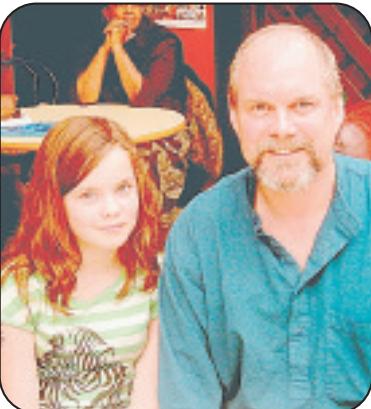
Tired festival-goers were able to relax with a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee, and listen to the bands.

While this reporter was taking his break, a new young local band stepped up and made a big impression.

It was back to the good old days of jazz rock, in the spirit of Chicago, Blood Sweat and Tears or the Average White Band as Funktion – made up of four Brynteg and one Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils – played a rousing set.

Here's a 70s pop quiz question for you:

Which song has the opening line – 'I'm the friendly stranger in the black sedan, won't you hop inside my car?* Well Funktion did a



ABOVE: Charlotte Rosser and father, Peter.

great version of a song that this reporter hadn't heard in 30 years*.

So, keep an eye out for the band, made up of Steph Kitchen (drums), Pete Komor (bass), Ben Dolton (guitar), Charlotte Davidson (saxophone) and Matthew Craven (saxophone). Steph is the Cowbridge one.

Earlier, Charlotte

Rosser, a year-7 pupil at Cowbridge

Comprehensive had played the guitar and sung, and she was followed by her father, Peter Rosser, from Pencoed.

During the afternoon, they were followed by many more acts.

*The song was 'Vehicle' by the Ides of March.



ABOVE: Funktion in full flow at the Living Cafe.

READER'S SNAPSHOTS ON AN IDYLLIC STROLL TO OGMORE

GEM reader Judith Holden, of Porthcawl, took these photos recently at Newton beach.

She writes: "The weather was just perfect, bright and sunny, and the coastline was crystal clear.

"While walking to Ogmore, horseriders came galloping towards me along the sandy

beach. The second photo was taken when I got to the estuary, looking At Ogmore-by-Sea. I also spotted six Oyster-catchers perched on some rocks, and Herring gulls and terns close to the tide line.

"Sun, sea and sand – what more can local residents ask for?"



Horses on the beach at Newton...



...Looking towards Ogmore-by-sea.

Thank you for saying you saw it in The GEM

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Organ recital

ORGANIST Peter David has done it again; the organ at Smyrna Chapel, Pen-y-Fai the chapel was 104 years old, and through his efforts it has been completely refurbished.

The organ at Smyrna was rebuilt by Derek Carrington, who travelled from Radnorshire to accomplish the task. On Friday, November 6 at 7.30pm, the organ will be dedicated with a recital by Canon Graham Holcombe from Llandaff, the service being led by Alistair Swinford.

They will also have renowned soprano Catrin Eleri Jenkins singing in the service. Catrin has been associated with the Ogmore Valley male voice choir since 2000, the same year she won the miners' eisteddfod.

Eunice thanked the tea hostesses for their hard work and presented Cath Mepham with a cyclamen in a basket as a reminder of her visit to Aberkenfig.

On November 11, the speaker will be Barbara Forte, whose subject has the intriguing title of 'Telling the Tale' and on December 9 is the Christmas party.

Ifan, aged 12, won first place in the under-15s piano solo, and the Siop Eifionydd trophy for the most promising pianist under-19. He also plays the trumpet and harp.

Gwenan, aged 10, came second in the disco-dancing competition for the under-12s and she also plays the piano and trombone.

PACT

The next PACT meeting, involving police and council officials for the Bryncoch/Sarn wards, is at 7pm on Monday, November 2, in the Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre, Merfield Close. Everyone is welcome.

Family fun

ABERKENFIG Boys and Girls Club is holding a family fun day on Sunday, November 15 between 2pm-6pm at the youth club and barn at Ynysawdre comprehensive school, including street dancing, boxing, yoga, fun games and car boot sale.

For more information, contact Dave on 07821 918732.

Aberkenfig WI
THE Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute annual general meeting on October 14 was opened by president Eunice Williams.

Eunice welcomed WI adviser Cath Mepham to the meeting and happy birthday was sung to Peggy, Joanne and Betty.

The general business of the meeting was dealt with fairly quick-

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM.

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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ly, including the matter of the rise in annual subscriptions to £29.50.

There followed the election of the committee and officers for the coming year. Eunice Williams was re-elected as president, Dorothy Thomas as treasurer, Pat Lewis as secretary and Dilys Mitchell as vice-president. The rest of the committee stays the same.

The raffle was won by Pearl Major and Margaret Crocker won the competition for an item beginning with the letter 'A' with a basket of animals.

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Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Welfare Hall, Heol Personly, Aberkenfig.

In June 2010, this institute celebrates its 30th anniversary and would like to recruit new members to help celebrate.

Tondu Tudors!

Retired Persons Club were recently entertained by 23 pupils in the sixth grade from Tondu primary school, together with their teachers.

Family fun
The theme was Henry VIII and his six wives – the expressions on the children's faces as they recounted the hazards that befall each of the wives, had the club members in stitches.

The headteacher, Mrs S Pilshier of Tondu primary school, is a staunch believer that the school is an integral part of the community, and these visits are proof of the way she thinks pupils should mix in with the older members of the community.

The club recently had a coach trip to Carmarthen. This is one of the oldest towns in Wales, and was the first in medieval times to be enclosed with a defensive wall.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Personly, every Wednesday at 1.45 pm. For more information, contact Joyce/Tom on

The choir rehearses at Philip Squires Community Centre in Coytrahen on Sundays between 7pm-8.30pm. *Congratulations to Lorna Honeybun, who will be celebrating her 70th birthday on Saturday, October 31. (As Roy Noble states on Radio Wales, this event warrants three days of celebration!)*

Pen-y-Fai WI
THE Pen-y-Fai Women's Institute's president, Jean Griffiths, opened the meeting, and announced birthday greetings to a number of members celebrating in October; then proceeded with the business as it was the annual general meeting.

Mavis Hek gave an account of activities carried out by members during the month, one of which deserves a special mention; they had actually accomplished the wonderful task of knitting 39 vests which had been donated to orphans in Africa. Patterns can be given to readers who would like to join. The members of the WI are also knitting small squares in garter stitch which, on arrival in Africa, are sewn together to form blankets of various sizes to suit the orphans.

Sue Davies gave the treasurer's report on the finances of the branch which happily were in a healthy state and Chris Davies then gave an account of the major activities that the members of the branch had engaged in over the previous 12 months.

The guest speaker for the evening, Judith Lucas an organiser with the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes then gave a talk on the history of the federation. This came into being in 1923 and now consists of 104 branches and totals over 4,000 members. She also praised the branch for its involvement in the federation and the fact that it now has 55 members.

She took over the running of the branch while the members proceeded to nominate the officials, all of whom were re-elected, except one, who had to retire through personal reasons.

The next meeting is in Pen-y-Fai school hall on November 16 at 7.30pm.

FUNDAY RAISES £14,500 FOR SOLDIERS' APPEAL

SUPPORTERS of the Welsh Guards' Afghan Appeal held a fun day at the Riverside Tavern, Bridgend, and raised an amazing total of £14,500!

Live bands performed throughout the day for free, and one of the star acts was 'The Black Hang Gang' – a group of four-to-12 year olds.

There were plenty prepared to take on the 'buck- bronco challenge' – especially as anyone who stayed on for 30 seconds could win £30 of free drinks!



ABOVE:
The 'Black Hang Gang' stole the show.



Mountain walkers boost the Welsh Guards' charity appeal!

A N O T H E R fundraising event staged recently for the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal was the 'Walk the Walk' in Brecon.

The walkers had to cope with adverse weather conditions on that day, and all the sponsors can be assured that they earned their money!

Organiser Heather Deeks told The GEM: "We all got wet and blown away – especially when we tried to hold down the flag at the top of Pen-y-Fan!"



'Porthcawl tax revenue should fund Porthcawl's own facilities'

THE extra council tax raised by Porthcawl Town Council last year should be repeated this year so that the extra money can pay for new facilities at Lock's Lane.

That's the view of Kerry Marlow, secretary of the Porthcawl Athletic Association (PAA), who has written to Porthcawl Town Council.

He has urged them to allocate the £40,000 which would be raised by the £5 increase at Band D level to the association in the next financial year.

The town council imposed this increase last April in order to raise £40,000 towards the new skatepark being provided in the town.

In his letter, Mr Marlow said that the association had been interested to hear that council tax was

increased in the town to pay for a specific project.

He went on: "As you are aware, we have a large project at Lock's Lane. We are currently installing the SCANSIS training arena for children up to the age of 11.

"We have had no external funding from any source for these projects, which are for the benefit of the people of Porthcawl.

"We only have one more project to complete at Lock's Lane and that is the demolition and rebuilding of the old Porthcawl AFC building, to be replaced with additional training facilities and a commu-

nicity room."

He said that in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council, the group has £90,000 in the pot to construct new facilities.

"PAA is asking for 2010/11 that you request a precept increase to raise a further £40,000 to add to this project. BCBC is prepared to pay any VAT costs towards completing this project."

Mr Marlow added: "Please ask council members to seriously consider this proposal. We are desperately short of changing room facilities for an association that is annually increasing in size."

The town council has referred the request to its 'Vision and Budget Seminar' next week.

Business PACT marks success of first year

BUSINESS PACT in Bridgend, which recently has held its first annual general meeting, reports a membership of 42 businesses in the Bridgend area – 41 businesses in Bridgend town centre and one business located at Picton Court Retail Park. The current membership is made up of 41 shops and one pub/club.

Business PACT coordinator, PCSO Jenny Meadows, commented: "The first year of Business PACT in Bridgend has been a great success and we are

planning to expand throughout the area.

"Negotiations will be taking place soon for the many pubs and clubs in the town to come on board. This joint partnership will reinforce the commitment to reduce criminal activity, reduce theft, protect staff from physical violence and generate a safe place to

work, shop and visit.

"It is hoped the coming 12 months will see further expansion throughout the town centre and other retail areas, where we can continue to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. In the New Year, Business PACT will be considering expanding to the Pines."

AM's leadership bid gets backing

AT a meeting of Bridgend constituency Labour Party, in Bryntirion, Carwyn Jones AM received the nomination of the Bridgend constituency for leadership of the Labour Party Wales and the position of the First Minister in the Welsh Assembly, using the PR preferential system.

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'Give Vale Council powers to ban binge drinking in the area' – says candidate

THE Vale Council should be given powers to ban 24-hour drinking in the area, Labour parliamentary candidate Alana Davies said this week.

She was commenting on the proposal at Labour's party conference by the Prime Minister combined with a tough crackdown on alcohol-related disorder, including drink-related ASBOs for those convicted of serious crime fuelled by alcohol.

"We face a growing problem with binge drinking and long term heavy drinking, and some bars and clubs have helped turn some of our town centres into no-go areas.

"I support giving local authorities like the Vale of Glamorgan Council the power to ban 24 hour drinking across the whole community in the interests of local resi-

dents whose lives are being blighted by this problem," she commented.

Mrs Davies has also pledged that, during her campaign, she will only accept donations from British taxpayers and

challenged other parliamentary candidates to do the same.

"Public trust in politicians and the party donations system is at an all-time low. I believe most people want parliamentary candidates to refuse

donations from people who do not pay tax in the UK.

It's a matter of accountability. I have today made the commitment not to take a single penny from tax exiles," she added.

Barry's Miss Wales starts new chapter

LU C Y **W**HIT E **H**OUSE from Barry, Miss Wales 2009, and Swansea's Mark Tancock, Mister Wales 2009, stepped back in time to mark the forthcoming launch of a new series of historical romantic fiction by Welsh publishing house, **Everlyn**.

Owned by husband and wife team Richard and Lynda Tunnicliffe, Everlyn is pitching its stuff against the likes of Mills



& Boon with the release of 'Lady Notorious' and 'Fallen Angel' to the UK market.

Lucy said: "It's been great fun dressing up in

Lucy and Mark.

these costumes which are so different to the slinky gowns I would normally wear as Miss Wales."

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COWBRIDGE FASHION SHOW BOOSTS NSPCC

A LEADING children's charity was the beneficiary when Becki's, a leading ladies designer clothes store on the High Street in Cowbridge, recently held an in-store fashion show in aid of NSPCC Cymru/Wales and raised £450 for the children's charity.

Customers attending the event were treated to coffee and tea, homemade cakes and raffle prizes while enjoying the fashion show.

Staff and customers modelling the latest from the store strode down the catwalk in the new autumn and winter ranges from fashion labels such as Basler, Frank Walder, Oui Moments and Marcona.

Awen Evans, long-standing member of the NSPCC Llanwit Major committee and the store owner, said: "The coffee morning was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. The morning was so popular that the ladies were queuing up to get in half an hour before!"

"The models strutted their stuff to songs like 'She's a Lady' by Tom Jones, 'Here Come the Girls' by the Sugababes and 'Dancing Queen' by Abba, with a finale in raincoats to 'It's Raining Men'."

"I would like to thank the NSPCC Llanwit Major committee, who all worked so hard. The raffle was also a huge success, and the event raised £450."



ABOVE: Model Joyce Birmingham strides down the catwalk during the fashion show at Becki's in aid of NSPCC Cymru/Wales.

Local pupils celebrate National Poetry Day

THE year-3 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School recently celebrated National Poetry Day in a very unusual way.

They had a special visitor, Gwen the red-tailed hawk, accompanied by her owner, David Boffy, and the children thoroughly enjoyed being up close to such a magnificent bird.

They asked questions and gained lots of information about Gwen and other birds of prey.

The visit inspired the children to write their own poems, which were later judged by David.

They were so good that he had a difficult task, but he returned the following week to present the first prize of a box of chocolates, a note pad and one



The award is handed over.

of Gwen's feathers to the winner, Daniel Griffiths.

The year-3 children and their teacher, Mrs Williams, warmly thanked David and Gwen for an exciting and inspirational lesson.

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Focus on youth: paying tribute to the children of foster parents in Wales

DURING the half-term week, I was delighted to sponsor an event in the Senedd for young people in Wales who share their parents and their homes with children who are fostered by their families.

This was the 'Sons and Daughters of foster parents event' organised by Fostering Network Cymru. It involved young people from Carmarthenshire and the Vale who worked together to produce a series of presentations for the event and for a CD, which will be shared across Wales with young people in the same position.

Our statistics show that approximately 75 per cent of children in care are placed with foster families who provide such an important and valuable role in supporting children who are 'looked after', providing them with support, friendship, making them feel 'at home' and sharing so much of their lives with those they are fostering.

We recognise that there is a need to support sons and daughters in foster families. Setting up 'support groups' can help by providing them with an opportunity to talk about their feelings and experiences with other children who know about foster care and know 'what it is like' to share your home and your parents in this way.

The event this week has given me the chance to thank and congratulate the children of foster carers in the Vale – and across Wales.

They are making such a difference to the lives of young people who are fostered, and as Minister

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

for Children I would like to thank Fostering Network Cymru for their pioneering work.

This is just one example of that work as they support foster carers, teachers and social workers to give them all a better understanding of how life experiences and being in care can impact on the lives of foster children and young people in Wales.

YOUTH WORK WEEK

The half-term week leads into Youth Work Week and I look forward to attending the Wick Youth Club event at the Sports Pavilion next Sunday, as well as supporting a number of events throughout Wales.

Youth Work Week helps us to recognise the inspiring work of youth workers who can have a significant impact on young people's lives. There are at least 20,000 youth workers in Wales and we are always seeking to recruit more with training opportunities provided.

We are promoting the role of youth work using 'Sam' as a role model through our youth forums, websites and youth

activities.

We heard more about this at the recent AGM of the Vale Youth Forum and it was good to learn about the Peered-Up Challenge! which is based at the Penarth Youth Project, but available throughout the Vale to encourage young people to get involved with their Peered-Up mentoring team.

The Vale Youth Forum is going from strength to strength with a new Youth Forum Coordinator being appointed and local youth forums developing such as the Gibbonsdown Youth Forum.

There will be information about developing a career in youth work as part of Youth Work Week and many opportunities to hear about the inspiring work of the youth service here in the Vale of Glamorgan.

This takes more on to another important role that we can play in inspiring and supporting young people and that is through volunteering to be a school governor.

We have over 23,000 governors in Wales and last week I opened the new offices for the organisation - Governors Wales - in Cardiff to serve governors across Wales.

As well as opening their new offices, I was pleased to launch two new Factfiles to give advice and guidance to governors on their valuable roles in supporting schools.

This came on a day when I tabled a new legislative competence order in the Assembly to transfer the power on school governance to Wales from Westminster, to give us more responsibility in this important area affecting the educational opportunities and well-being of our children and young people.

VALE WOMAN TO TACKLE ULTRA-ULTRA-MARATHON

A VALE woman will be flying the flag for Wales in the Adventure Racing World Championship in Portugal.

Maria Leijerstam will be off to Portugal in November, sponsored by Odlo UK, to race along the 900k non-stop route by foot, bike and kayak.

She told The GEM:

"The competition will be

fierce, with 55 of the best teams from around the globe all competing for the title of Adventure Racing World Champions. New Zealand are the current holders of the title."

She continued: "The championships are not just a test of physical strength and endurance, it is also about skill and tactical ability. We have to be able to run for 30 hours at a time, followed by cycling over moun-



LEFT:
Maria Leijerstam.

choice."

Maria will be the only Welsh woman to compete in this championship, and the team of four have been training weekly in the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains.

She said: "We have decided on a strategy of one hour's sleep per 24 throughout the race. It is a very fine balance between pushing on through sleep deprivation and taking a power nap, as the time lost sleeping may equate to faster speed in the long term. It's a real tactical game."

Adventure Racing is based on the three sports of running, kayaking, and mountain biking but can involve up to 10 different sports.

Maria, from Bonvilston, a sports consultant and personal trainer, has already completed the toughest footrace on earth when she ran six marathons in seven days across the Sahara desert. (Marathon des Sables). She has also been selected to represent the UK in the G4 Land Rover Challenge.

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Fairtrade evening puts emphasis on tasty side of ethical consumption

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was an 'ethical trade' celebration night when the Co-op in Pyle hosted an evening designed to highlight the progress made towards making Bridgend borough a Fairtrade town.

Guests listened to a series of talks on Fairtrade, but the highlight of the evening was the steady convoy of Co-op staff, bringing tastings of Fairtrade wine and cheese!

Master of ceremonies was the Pyle store's operations manager, Gary Chappell, and the opening address was made by Coun David Sage, the deputy leader of Bridgend County Borough cCouncil

(BCBC). In his speech, he outlined how BCBC intended to purchase more products from Fairtrade sources, and said:

"The Fairtrade idea makes a huge difference by improving the quality of life in local communities, and around the world."

Margaret Minchinick, of Sustainable Wales, told The GEM: "The Bridgend Fairtrade Partnership has made great progress, and the fact that Parc Prison has come on board as a 'flagship company' is a huge boost."

Sara Webber and Anna-Marie Jackson have come along from HMP Parc, and Anna-Marie told The GEM: "The printing unit at the prison produced publicity material for this event



ABOVE:
Anna-Marie Jackson (left) and
Sara Webber from HMP Parc, with books
and artwork produced by the prisoners.

free of charge, and we find that prisoners are keen to support local good causes."

She stressed that the take-up of education and training at Parc is much higher than at many

older prisons, and that there was always an opportunity for prisoners to work with and for local good causes.

Sara explained: "We have more than 1,000 in Parc, and 400 are 'at work' on a nine to five basis every day."

"Getting proper training can definitely reduce the re-offending rate when they leave."

She pointed out that the phrase 'at work' did not mean that anyone left the prison.

She added: "Prisoners have done writing courses that have led to a number of books of their collected work being published."

"Similarly, art produced by prisoners is often of a high standard."



ABOVE:
Gary Chappell, Coun David Sage, Mark Roberts (Co-op regional manager) and Brian Rees (Co-op area committee member).



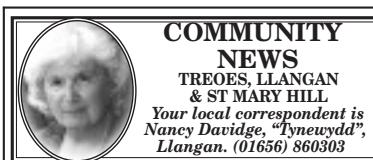
ABOVE:
Pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive, dressed up to sell the Fairtrade message.

Grandmaster in local challenge

ON Sunday, November 29, Grandmaster Nigel Davies will be in Bridgend to take on 30 challengers simultaneously.

The exhibition will be at the Bridgend Tennis Club, starting at 2pm. The Grandmaster will also be giving a lecture for those that wish to improve their game.

Places are available for the exhibition, anyone interested should contact Andrew Trickey on 01656 750274.



Meet the people

A lady of courage:
This week, my story concerns Mrs Susan Thomas, of Mount Pleasant Farm, Llangan.

Known affectionately as Susie in the village, she is courageously fighting a serious illness and the effects of the necessary treatment which will make her well again.

Susie has had a most interesting life. Born in Croydon, her family moved to Australia when she was one year old.

Her travels have taken her to many interesting and sometimes dangerous places – at one time, she worked as an air hostess based in Kuwait. Susie's travels eventually brought her to Britain and to Wales, where she would eventually meet her future husband David.

Their marriage took place on the beautiful island of St Lucia and David continues the family tradition of farming.

80th birthday

THERE was jollification in the Young at Heart Club on Thursday, October 22, when members joined in celebrating Mrs Gwyneth Jones' 80th birthday.

There was birthday cake for everyone and something a little more potent than tea!

Gwyneth was later presented with a beautiful bouquet by club chairman Arthur Thomas.

When male members of the club are hospitalised, they receive a basket of fruit – so Mr William Jones, who has undergone surgery at the Princess of Wales Hospital, will now be the recipient!

Festive fayre
A SHOPPING fayre will take place in the Llangan and St Mary Hill community hall on Saturday, November 14 at 7.30pm-10.30pm, when there will be a variety of goods suitable as Christmas gifts.

MID WALES & BORDER COUNTIES HARNESS RACING

PORTHCAWL STABLE HAS GOOD YEAR IN TROTTING

WHEN looking back on the 2009 trotting season, it will be remembered as the first without the 'voice of Welsh trotting' Colin Davies from Penybont as commentator.

However, two young men have ably stepped into his shoes, as Richie Evans from Hereford and Neil Edmunds from Porthcawl called them home in their own fashion.

The season began, as it has for the last 125 years, with Llangadog playing hosts. A total of 43 new horses joined Mid Wales & Borders to race for the first time in 2009.

The horse which heads the table of prize money is *Mahogany Duke*, a horse which changed owners last year at the Builth sale, returned to racing in the premiere Grade A, now in the Edmunds stable from Porthcawl.

When he won the mile and a half at the prestigious Kington fixture he improved his ratings a hundredfold. From then onwards, the stable's confidence in their new star soared and he did not disappoint –



ABOVE:
Mahogany Duke winning at
Presteigne, driven by Mark White.

he won the Presteigne final and a few weeks later, took one of the 'classic' races of the year, roaring home to a popular televised victory at Caersws. He closed his season with a satisfying win at the penultimate meeting at Almeley.

For most of the season he has been partnered by Colin Edmund's grandson Mark White, although Colin's son, commentator Neil Edmunds, was pilot at Kington. He has proved a wonderful rejuvenation for this south Wales family stable.

Second in the 'money stakes' was *Meadowbranch Mike*, owned by Brian Jones from Llanllwni, who started the year having

qualified for the Grade A right at the end of the previous season. On his first run in the premiere Grade at the iconic Llangadog meeting, he showed he was more than ready to take on the 'big boys'.

He completed his season with a win in the fun non-whip race, at the charity meeting, as usual needing no 'persuader' to give his best to his partner, lady driver Debbie Hitchcock.

The cup for the most improved horse is awarded to the horse which moves furthest in the handicap during the season. This year, it was *Ithon Eagle*, owned by Terry Edwards from Bromfield and trained by Melanie Langford from Ludlow. *Ithon Eagle*

won a total of eight races and is sure to have a good future in racing.

The Rachel Button Memorial Cup for the top saddle horse again went to the Barton family stable from Clunderwen.

One of the newer awards is for the people's favourite horse. This is where the public vote for any horse that has run in the 2009 season. This year, it was the grey youngster belonging to the Weigel family from Llanddewi Velfrey. Impressive in colour, this three-year-old filly also has some impressive statistics of the six 'punters' races, she took part in, she won five.

The champion driver was also a new name on the trophy, as former steeplechase jockey Wayne Knox from Abergavenny took the title by two wins from last year's champion Derek Pritchard.

The leading lady driver was Debbie Hitchcock who enjoyed a tremendous season with their Haverfordwest stable of horses in Dyfed.

The awards ceremony for the 2009 season will take place at the annual dinner at Bishops Meadow, Brecon, on October 31.

WHO NEEDS LONDON 2012?

'Olympage' comes to Bridgend Rec!

AN "Olympage Games" for older people living in Bridgend County Borough was held recently to celebrate the UK Day for Older People.

The event was organised by the Bridgend Public Health Team of the National Public Health Service for Wales (NPHS) in partnership with Bridgend Never Too Old Action Team.

It was the second event of its kind to be held in the county with the first "Olympage Games", held in February 2008, thought to be the first of its kind in Wales.

Residents of care homes and day centres had been practising for the event for the past few months, and were asked to nominate teams to take part in a range of activities suitable for people of all abilities.

These ranged from

jacks and marbles to target ball and a memory game, all held at Bridgend Recreation Centre and kicked off with a sing-song led by Welsh comedian Stan Stennett.

Health and Social Care students at Bridgend College helped out by stewarding the Games and giving assistance to anyone who needed it.

The overall winners of the day were the team from Llys Cynfig Sheltered Housing in Pyle, who were present-

ed with a cup and individual medals by the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Jefferson Tildesley.

Catherine Webb, health promotion specialist for Bridgend public health team, said: "The concept of 'Olympage' was born through the Moving More Often scheme, a project designed to encourage physical activity amongst vulnerable older people.

"By introducing gentle exercise through fun



ABOVE:
The team from Llys Cynfig Sheltered Housing, Pyle, who were declared the winners of the "Olympage Games".

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Cowbridge choir hits the ground running

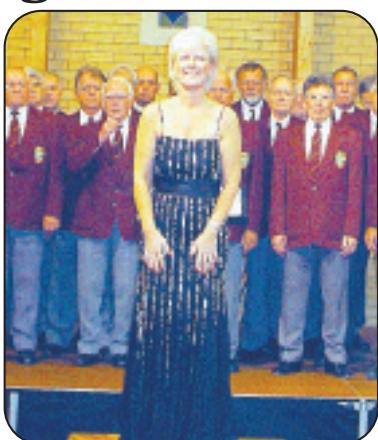
AFTER the August break, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir has made a busy start to its new concert season.

In September, the choir travelled to St Albans where it gave an excellent concert to a capacity audience of 400 on behalf of Christian Relief Uganda. This is a British-based charity which runs its own orphanages in Uganda, catering for some 500 orphans.

It was the choir's third visit to St Albans in a series of concerts that have raised more than £15,000 for this very deserving charity. The choir stayed overnight so, besides raising substantial charity funds, a good time was had by all!

Early October saw the choir singing in Christ Church, Radyr, in support of their bell tower fund.

This concert was arranged by Iona Jones, the choir's president, and her father Robin, the former BBC Wales announcer, in support of their local church. It was a beautiful late summer's evening, and Iona herself featured as soprano soloist, singing as always, absolutely magnificently, equally well



Musical director, Shelly Thomas-Brown acknowledges the plaudits of the audience at Bethel Baptist church.

accompanied by Janice Ball, who also happens to be the musical director of the Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

On Saturday, October 10, the choir sang at Wenlock Church at the wedding of BBC Wales reporter Nicola Smith to George Oliver. The choir are in frequent demand for local weddings and usually sing three or four pieces before the service, several pieces during the signing of the register and provide an impressive boost to the

congregational singing, which is always commented upon enthusiastically, especially when one side of the partnership comes from England or abroad. The concert secretary, Alan Wilson, is always willing to take bookings on 01446 773422!

On Saturday, October 17, the beautiful modern Bethel Baptist Chapel in Pontyclun, with its excellent acoustics, resounded to one of the best concerts the choir has ever given.

The soloist on this occasion was Menna Cazel Davies, who is currently studying at the London Guildhall College of Musical and Drama. She last performed, most generously, free-of-charge for the choir at the second 'Gala Concert for Saul' in Cowbridge Leisure Centre last December, and in the last 18 months she has won major prizes at both the National and Llangollen International Eisteddfodau.

The concert was in support of the local Parkinson's Disease Society.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's next local concert will take place on Friday, November 27 at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. The soprano soloist will be Daisy Evans – yet another young and extremely talented local soprano (from Sigginstone) who is also studying at the Guildhall in London.

Daisy last appeared locally in Holy Cross in the summer with three of her fellow students at an excellently supported and appreciated concert to raise funds for her musical education.

Barry Comprehensive School opens its doors

PUPILS from all the local primary schools, along with parents, families and friends attended Barry Comprehensive School's open evening recently.

All departments at the school made the visitors feel welcome with an exciting programme of lessons, workshops, experiments and presentations.

Many pupils volunteered their time to talk to the visitors about their experiences at the school as well as to take part in the various activities designed to showcase its many attractions to potential pupils and their parents.



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The art department galleries attracted many visitors.



Hospitality and catering get cooking.

'Wonderful prize!'

I ENTERED your competition recently to win dinner for four at the Loch Fyne restaurant and was very, very thrilled when I won!

Even better for me, just as I heard, it was one of the rare weekends when at least two of my lads were home at the same time and will certainly be the last occasion until after Christmas, so it really meant a lot when Loch Fyne agreed to let me take up the prize immediately.

We had a terrific evening and all of us thoroughly enjoyed our dinner, treating ourselves to items on the menu we probably wouldn't have had the chance to try otherwise.

Part of my job is to organise competitions for a magazine I work for and I am always extolling the readers that they can't win if they don't enter. Now I find this is absolutely true!

Thank you so much for organising and thank you to everyone at Loch Fyne for such a wonderful time.

Judi Mendelsohn, Cowbridge

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Group will monitor 'hate crime' in Vale



Graham Bath, Vice-Chairperson, PC Brian Bedford and David Lloyd, chairperson of the Vale Community Cohesion Group, are pictured at a recent meeting at the headquarters of Safer Vale.

A LOCAL volunteer group is to take on an extra task – monitoring how the police deal with 'hate crime'.

The Vale of Glamorgan Community Cohesion Group, which is a partnership between the local police, other agencies and members of the community, was originally formed to act as a scrutiny panel, examining the way that the police conducted themselves when policing minority groups.

The group's remit has now been expanded for the police to provide information and advice in relation to 'hate crime'.

Volunteer members of the group serve for a period of two years and they act as the 'eyes and ears' of their communities, often enquiring about operational and tactical policing issues.

Under the chairmanship of Mr David Lloyd, the group is provided with information concerning all the incidents involving minority communities living, working or just visiting the Vale.

This information,

which has been screened to protect the identities of the victims, is then considered by the panel to allow them to question the police regarding their actions and progress.

Usually present will be a representative from the Crown Prosecution Service, who will provide the Court results and any charging decisions made.

A police officer from the Minorities Support Unit, who has specialist skills and duties when dealing with victims of certain minority groups, will also be available.

PC Brian Bedford,

the Vale's Hate Crime officer, said: "We are very fortunate that reported hate crime remains very low in the Vale.

"However, we remain vigilant to the potential threat."

The group meets on a quarterly basis. Anyone interested in finding out more about its work can contact PC Bedford on 01446 450216 at the Safer Vale Partnership in Barry.

AUTUMN FAIR

THERE will be an autumn fair in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 10.15am-11.45am on Saturday, November 7, in aid of Cancer Research UK Cymru.

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How to make sense of all the information on the 'net..

Penarth Computer Club Notes: Online dictionaries

ARTHUR C CLARKE once said that getting information from the internet is like trying to take a glass of water from Niagara Falls; there is just so much information that you can be overwhelmed by it... I know.

A little while ago, I was considering a planning use in response to a cry for help from someone who was baffled by the forms.

My first reaction was to check to see if planning permission for a change of use really was needed as I thought it should not be. The details are not important, but the process was interesting.

The planners said an application was required and quoted a relevant document. From the internet, I was able to download a copy of the document to check. The type of building concerned was not mentioned in the document, so I spoke to the planners for clarification.

I was referred to a further document that they use for guidance, held by the central library.

The central library computer said no; they do not hold a copy, but one was available at the National Library in Aberystwyth. About half an hour later, they rang me back to say that they had located a copy in the Cardiff University Library.

That being much closer, I went to look at the document, grateful that their computer had saved me a long trip or a long wait for the book to be

sent to Cardiff.

Two facts came to light. The referred document had been superseded by a later edition that was three times as long. The use class, of building under consideration was quoted as 'Sui Generis' (as opposed to A, B, C, or D). The note about this Latin phrase in the foreword to the volume described the scope of it, but not what it actually meant.

To be able to develop my argument, I needed to be certain that I understood what the phrase meant in the context of its use. Back to computers and the internet.

Typing it into Google brought up 67,500 references. The first one was for a leading GRP (glass reinforced plastics) company. Third was a beauty salon; fourth was a furniture company. Fifth was a beauty salon; fourth was a furniture company rapidly followed by several more varieties of company and consultants.

This was Arthur C Clarke's Niagara. The glass of water was the second entry that said that in the context of English law it means 'unique'.

To confirm this I went to onelook.com and tried again. In a flash, the site provided 23 dictionary sources of definition. A browse through several of them provided assorted versions of Latin for 'of its own kind'; hence, whatever is absolutely unique or distinctive about something.

In the context of planning (use classes, that require permission) there were several entries indicating that it meant 'in a class of its own'. That seemed more appropriate. I also liked 'unique in its characteristics'.

More generally it means – in its own category, in its own group, of its own character, of its own class, of its own classification, of its own denomination, of its own designation, of its own genre, of its own kind, of its own nature, of its own type, of its own variety, peculiar <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/peculiar>, special <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/special>, the only one of its kind, unique <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/unique>. Take your pick!

The planning argument is yet to be presented, but I have enjoyed the chase so far and learned a new phrase into the bargain.

As for the companies and consultants, I

thought that they might have had a classical education to come up with the Latin words, but online I put 'unique' into a thesaurus and it quickly found 'sui generis' for me; so perhaps not.

That leaves me with admiration for 'Sui Generis'; an Argentine rock band from the 1970s who could not have had a computer!

Our next meeting will be on November 10 (7.30pm for 8.00pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth).

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HOWARD DESMOND (Chairman)

Vale Marketing Group wins tourism award



Photo MEI LEWIS

DURING an evening hosted by television presenter, Sara Edwards, the South Wales Business awards were announced and the Vale Marketing Group was declared winner of one of the most prestigious awards.

The group won the South Wales Retail and Tourism Business of the Year award.

Mandy Davies, chair of the Vale

Marketing Group, thanked the committee and all the members for their support, enthusiasm and hard work over the last seven years; with a special thank you to committee member Clare Sheehy, of Town and Country Hotels, who made the nomination.

Mandy said: "This is a great accolade which reflects all the hard work that has gone into making the VMG an invaluable voice for tourism in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Spooky event in Barry

CASTLELAND Community Centre is holding a scary Halloween event tomorrow night (October 30) for local children.

The fun runs from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and there's free food, 'What's in the Box?' a haunted house special, an optional fancy dress competition and a pumpkin contest too.

For further information, the Children and Young People in the Community Project can be contacted on 01446 403549.

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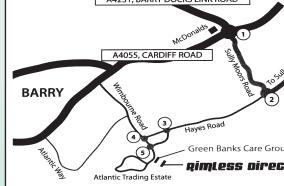
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ThunderCats take to the air as hi-speed power boats tackle the Porthcawl waves

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The ThunderCats series of races is becoming a highlight for seaside resorts, as the boats show no fear when it comes to tackling the roughest surf!

In a sport strongly reminiscent of motorcycle side-car racing, the powerful catamarans have two-man teams – one driver and a passenger whose job is to move around and keep the boat on an even keel by changing his/her position.

The sport made for spectacular viewing, as competitors practiced on the Saturday, and then raced on the Sunday, giving spectators plenty of thrills and spills as the power boats bounced from wave to wave in an exhibition of dare-devil skill!



ABOVE:
The thrills of close-quarter racing over the waves are obvious to see.

LEFT:
This boat is practically vertical after tangling with one wave.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting:

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*Now open in the Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge.



Fight is on to save the last red kiosk at Llety Brongu

THE fight is on to save two red telephone kiosks after BT contacted Llangynwyd Middle Community Council, offering to sell it the kiosks at Llangynwyd village and Llety Brongu for £1 each.

The council would then be liable for all future maintenance – but BT want to take the telephones out, leaving just the kiosks which they say can be used for other purposes.

The kiosk in Llangynwyd is a grade 2 listed structure, but the one in Llety Brongu is not listed, although villagers fought a successful campaign 25 years ago to prevent being replaced by a modern glass kiosk.

BT has argued that neither kiosk is used enough to justify keeping the phones there.

The one in Llety Brongu was used just 36 times in the past year, while Llangynwyd clocked up 136 phone calls.

Coun Malcolm James said that the council had written to BT, urging them to keep the phone service.

"We are objecting to

the loss of these phones because mobile phone coverage is poor in the area. In Llangynwyd, it is often impossible to get any reception so the phone box should remain in use.

"Obviously, Llety Brongu is more remote and does not get the visitors that go to Llangynwyd – but even so, the phone could be a lifeline for the community."

Mr James stated that the council would be prepared to take over the maintenance of both kiosks because they were part of the landscape.

"These red kiosks are part of our heritage and the pity is that BT removed so many of them in the past. We want them saved at the very least, but our goal is to also save the phone service they provide."

Coun Danny Clarke, chairman of the community council, said that the council was united on this.

"We understand that companies like BT have to make a profit but we feel that both these boxes should remain in use. We will be canvassing people in both villages for their views on this."

Chris Orum,

spokesman for BT, said that selling off the red kiosks to local councils was part of an on-going process nationally.

He said that the kiosks were regarded affectionately and did not necessarily have to be listed to be saved.

He denied that there was any intention to remove the kiosks but said that the company wanted to take out the phone mechanisms from both and offer the kiosks for the council to buy for £1, so that they could be preserved for future generations.

"People were very critical when we removed these kiosks and have asked if they could be retained for alternative uses and that's what we are doing," he said.

Across the UK, 350 kiosks have already been adopted and are being put to unusual uses, including an art gallery.

Community and parish councils have been adopting them. Initially, the scheme was aimed at red kiosks which were due to be removed but the scheme

now applies to little used red kiosks as well.

In Wales, there are more than 700 red kiosks which could be adopted. In the UK, 12,500 of them remain.

BT says that payphone use has halved in the past two years with 62 per cent of payphones unprofitable. Ten per cent are used only once a month.

KIOSK FACTFILE:
The iconic red kiosks were first designed by architect Giles Gilbert Scott in 1924 and the K2 design was introduced in 1926.

He refined his design 10 years later when the famous K6 was introduced nationally to celebrate the silver jubilee of King George V in 1936.

The K6 is eight ft three ins high and sits on a three ft square base. It weighs three-quarters of a ton and has a teak hardwood door.

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YET again we are in for an exceptional night of fun and fireworks as the Barry Rotary Club stage their 36th Fireworks Fiesta on November 5!

The annual event, which has enthralled so many over the years, is once again being staged on Barry Island. This year, a new company,

Pendragon, have been contracted to arrange the display, and promise an even more spectacular event.

Pendragon are based in Cwmbran and have a history of providing fireworks displays on memorable occasions. In 2008, they won the Twelfth British Firework Championships.

So why don't you come along to what promises to be a great evening of fun, fireworks, and music? The fireworks start at 7.45pm, but to avoid the last-minute rush, Barry Rotary Club suggest arriving as early as 6pm - there will be a fairground to enjoy before the main event.

As usual, there will be novelty stalls and bucket collections. All the proceeds go towards pay-

ing for the event itself, and supporting the charitable works that Rotary does in and outside the community. So please be generous.

The club is again grateful to sponsors without whom the display would not be possible: the Vale and Town Councils, ABP, Centrica, and the Barry Island traders.

Once more, the club's sincere apologies go to the residents of Barry Island for the inconvenience caused during the short road closure period (5.30pm-9.30pm) but most should be able to gain access to their homes without too much inconvenience.

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'Look after the environment this Bonfire Night' says agency

NOW that November 5 is just around the corner, Environment Agency Wales is urging anyone building a bonfire to think about what they are burning.

Burning things like mattresses, tyres and plastics produces toxic smoke which can harm the environment and put people nearby at risk.

In the run-up to Guy Fawkes Night, the agency is asking people to make sure materials for burning, as

part of the celebrations, are safe.

Environment Agency Wales area manager for the south-west, Steve Brown, said: "The message is simple; if you're not sure if something is safe to burn, don't put it on your bonfire.

"We want everyone to enjoy themselves, so why not go to a properly organised event?

"They are much safer and tend to have less impact on overall air quality and the environment than a number of small scale bonfires, so it's worth seeking these out in your area."

You can help your environment by reporting any bonfires being built containing anything other than vegetation and clean wood.

to the Environment Agency, via its 24-hour freephone number 0800 80 70 60.

The hotline operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Calls are free from a landline and mobiles are charged at their normal network rate. Information is treated in the strictest confidence.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Temporary Road Closure Order, Section 16a, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS

5th November 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an Order under Section 16a, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours on the day and date specified in column 1 of the schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

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Schedule 1

Column 1
Thursday 5th November 2009

Column 2

Paget Road, between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No 19 Paget Road (excluding the lane).

Station Approach Road throughout the length including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner.

Breaksea Drive from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road.

Friars Road between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road.

Column 3
5.30pm-9.30pm

Column 1
Thursday 5th November 2009

Column 2

Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y-Fron, Min-Y-Mor, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View and Bull Cliff Walk.

Column 3
5.00pm-8.30pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.
Dated this 29th day of October 2009.

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Bridgend honours its 'forgotten' World War II munitions workers

LAST Sunday (October 25) a project that had been several years in the planning finally came to fruition.

Members of the Bridgend Civic Trust had long felt that the town's war memorial should make mention of those who died in the massive war munitions factory at Brackla – which for many is long forgotten.

After a ceremony performed by Rev Eurof Miles, a special plaque was unveiled and wreaths were laid.

The civic trust secretary, Charles Thorp, told The GEM: "I know that Mike Clubb and Peter Symonds have done great deal of work on this project, and we are all delighted to see it finished at last."

Photos by MANDY THOMAS
(Available for purchase, telephone 07974 518347)

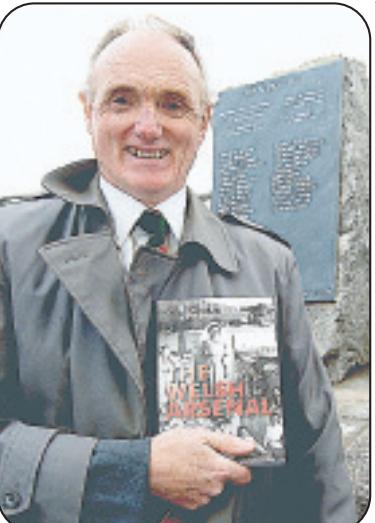
These and other pictures of the event can be viewed on www.mandythomasphotography.co.uk



ABOVE: The plaque after the ceremony.



Ogmore MP Huw Irranca-Davies with the 'Bridgend Home Guard'.



Porthcawl Town Council news IN BRIEF

PORTHCAWL

Town Council has re-affirmed that the location of the new skatepark will be at Heol y Goedwig.

There was a recorded vote on the item with the following councillors voting in favour of Heol y Goedwig: Rosemary Deere, Mary Emmett Lewis, David Deere, Christopher Smart, David Newton Williams, Gaynor Newton Williams, Barbara Strubbs, Jill Sweet, Wendy Ingram, John Bunker and David Jones.

Those against were: Gerald Davies, Jen Coombs, Eileen Edwards and Norah Clarke. There were two abstentions – Sean Aspey and Hayley Edwards.

The council heard that a further £15,000 for the

project has been received from the Foundation of Sport and the arts. The town council is providing £40,000 towards this project with match funding from BCBC.

SEATS

PUBLIC seats along the sea front and at John Street, Porthcawl, will be repaired by the Tidy Town Team from Bridgend County Borough Council, who will also refurbish the bandstand.

Porthcawl Town Council had originally agreed to allow their handyman to carry out this work but that will no longer be necessary.



Ogmore Valley news in brief

COUN Hywel Williams of Blackmill has been disqualified from being a member of Ogmore Valley Community Council for failing to attend meetings on six consecutive occasions.

Mr Williams, who is also the borough councillor for the Blackmill and Evanstown area, has accepted the disqualification and the seat has been declared vacant.

Coun Mairwen Cook has also retired from the council after 20 years. She was given all good wishes by the council for her retirement. Her seat in the Ogmore Ward has also been declared vacant. They will both be advertised.

ESTATE TALKS

A meeting is taking place with Ogmore Valley community and borough councillors about plans for the Isfry Industrial estate in Blackmill.

Proposals are being put forward for planning consent for a mixed use scheme, which will include an enterprise centre, live-work units and residential development.

The enterprise centre could include some social and community facilities, plus skills training and child care facilities.

Residential care home planned for Porthcawl

BRIDGEND planners have approved plans to build a new care home on land in Porthcawl.

Porthcawl Civic Trust also objected because of the height and scale of the building, plus fears over noise to local residents.

Planning officer David Llewelyn said that although the overall length of the building would be 58 metres (approx 180 feet), the facade would be staggered, with part of the building set back from the road.

A report to the development control committee said that the dilapidated buildings have become overgrown.

The proposed care home, which would be three storeys high and accommodate 60 residents, would consist of two rectangular buildings touching in the centre.

As the floor level of

the quarry is lower than surrounding land, the building would have the appearance of a two-storey building.

The scheme includes

provision of two garden areas and 14 car parking spaces.

Objections were

lodged by residents of

six nearby houses, who

were concerned with the building being visually

overbearing and out of

keeping with the neighbour-

hood.

There were also fears

about an increase in

noise and traffic because

of the round-the-clock

access needed to the

home.

Other concerns were

to do with a loss of trees

and vegetation from the

site.

The application is in

outline only and detailed

plans will have to be

submitted for approval.

Council staff are stunned as driver dies

COLLEAGUES at Bridgend County Borough Council have been saddened by the death of a

said that everyone at the council was greatly shocked and saddened to hear of his death.

"Brian was a well respected and valued member of BCBC's Streetscene department. He had worked for the authority since 1996 and played a valuable role in helping to keep the area in which we live clean and pleasant for the benefit of all.

"He was a dependable, hard-working man whose dedication, ability and good nature earned him the friendship and respect of his colleagues.

"Brian will be very sadly missed by all his friends and co-workers at the council, and our thoughts are with his family."

Fibromyalgia support
BRIDGEND Fibromyalgia Support Group would like to meet fellow sufferers for friendship and support.

Contact Jayne on 01656 651132, or e-mail jaynejo99@btinternet.com (please place 'Fibro' in subject box).

YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG NEWS

Tom makes his debut for Wales

CONGRATULATIONS to year-12 pupil and rising snooker star, Tom Vedmore, who recently represented Wales at under-16 at the Home Nations event at Pontins, Prestatyn, north Wales.

Wales under-16s finished a creditable second behind a very strong England team. In the second match, Tom Vedmore was Wales' saviour. With all the pressure on his shoulders, Tom, in his first home international match, produced some superb match play snooker to secure a 10-8 win.

Tom has been playing snooker for five years and is coached by former professional Anthony Davies. His dedication and talent stand him in good stead for future success.

Year-8 skills day

OUR first skills day in year-8, organised by the modern foreign languages department, proved to be great fun!

The task was to work together as a team to open an imaginary hotel in Switzerland. We were split into groups, some concentrating on equipping the hotel, others on marketing, leisure and meals, as well as two groups whose task was to present our hotel to the others in the year group.

In the style of *The Apprentice*, Mr Ithel Davies and Miss Rhian Griffiths were our very own Alan Sugars, and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to the other classes' presentations in Welsh, French and German. 8R were the eventual winners, although I'd love to go on holiday to 8G's dream hotel!

Mia Pegrum (8G)

Vaccine ads

OVER the next few months, we will become familiar with the sound of the voices of six of our girls who have been chosen to front adverts for the HPV injections programme in the Welsh and English media.

During the half-term holiday, Eleri Owen, Celyn Morris, Greta Isaac, Lydia Richards, Megan Dafydd and Megan Morris will travel to London to record their contributions to this nationwide campaign.

Can you solve it?

A, B and C all represent different digits. Can you solve the sum?

$$AA + BB + CC = BAC$$

THIS was the type of challenge facing five of our brightest maths students from year-13 who recently participated in a pop quiz with a difference, the 'Maths Pop Quiz' held at the University of Glamorgan.

Congratulations to Emma Parkes, Oliver Clarke, Mitch Bryl, Elin Yapp and Seth Wilson, from Bro Morgannwg who competed successfully against pupils from 37 other school from South Wales in this



LEFT:
Tom Vedmore,
who recently
represented
Wales at a
Home
Nations
event.

Maths challenge.

Riding high on the top of the league

BRO Morgannwg's first senior rugby team are still unbeaten in the Saturday league, some feat considering they are playing in this competition for the first time.

Following on from their opening defeat of Cowbridge, they have recorded excellent victories against Llanharry (29-10) and Brynteg (13-7).

Following a short break, they are now keen to re-start after the half-term break and cement their place at the top of the league.

Other teams have been successful recently – teams from year-9, 10 and 11 all reached the final of the Vale Cup in their respective year groups.

Year-9 and 10 lost to Cowbridge, but the year-11 team beat Cowbridge by 50-0. Many of the year-11 players represent the Cardiff Blues under-16 squad. Tom Perry, Richard Pilcher and Zak Deere, play for the first team squad, whereas Tieran and Eian Scoot and Joel Beavis are members of the under-16 development squad. Cory Allen, another member of the Bro Morgannwg senior rugby team is making very good progress in the ranks of the Blues under-18s.

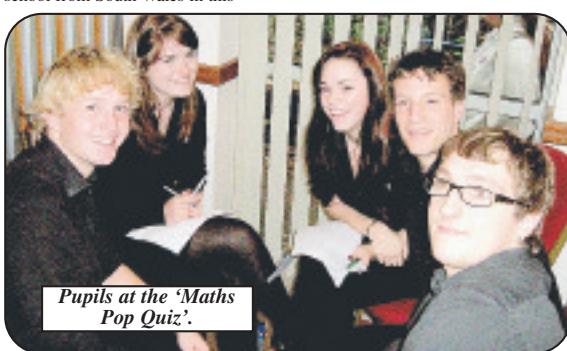
Future chef

EARLIER this month, 10 pupils at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg took part in a 'cook-off' to determine who should go forward to the next round of the 'Future Chef' competition to be held at Barry College on November 10.

Each contestant worked against the clock to produce and serve a tasty and well-presented main course. Zoe Kelland, the winner, impressed the judges with her rendition of sweet and sour chicken served with rice and garnished with spring onion batons.

The 'Future Chef' competition is a four-stage nation-wide culinary programme for young people between the ages of 12-16. Its aims are to inspire them to explore food as a life skill, to help develop culinary talent and inform them about entry routes into the hospitality industry.

Good luck Zoe!



Pupils at the 'Maths Pop Quiz'.

Thank you for saying you saw it in The GEM

THIS MR FOX MAKES FOR A TRULY FANTASTIC FILM!

NOW, more than ever, genuine auteurs truly stand out in the somewhat creatively limited current world of cinema.

The likes of Paul Thomas Anderson have shown that cinema can be much more than simply rehashing and remaking, and another director that fits that bracket is Wes Anderson (no relation).

The director has, since his debut with *Bottle Rocket* 13 years ago, crafted films that exist seemingly in their own universe; his world of dysfunctional families and people being highly regarded, if not hugely commercial.

However, Anderson's latest sees him take on the world of Roald Dahl with *Fantastic Mr Fox*. The title character is voiced by George Clooney, who moves his family (consisting of wife Mrs Fox (Meryl Streep), son Ash (Jason Schwartzman) and nephew Kristofferson (Eric Anderson) into a new tree and dreams of recapturing his youth by

stealing from the nastiest farmers in the valley, Boggs, Bunce and Bean.

When the farmers grow tired of Mr Fox's thieving ways, they endeavour to find him and kill him, threatening the lives of all the animals that live around them.

With his back to the wall, Mr Fox decides the best form of action is reaction...

Given the huge technological leaps made in animation, and you need only see Pixar's *Up* to marvel at how wonderful animation work has become, it is more than a little heartening to see that the old methods can still be used.

Fantastic Mr Fox is a stop-motion film, where puppets are moved ever so slightly from frame to frame, similar to the methods used to make the *Wallace and Gromit* adventures.

There is no plasticine on show here, however, Wes Anderson preferring to use crafted figures. The overall effect is that of a film that is a warm and fuzzy and, though child-friendly, is distinctly Anderson-esque. As well as directing,

Anderson also co-wrote the screenplay with Noah Baumbach, and the pair have put their own unmistakable spin on Roald Dahl's beloved story, making nips and tucks here and there but, by and large, retaining the subtly dark humour and character of the original story.

Anderson and Baumbach make a notable addition with the introduction of the character of Kristofferson, and how that plays will depend on how strong your love of the original story is.

For me, I found it an addition that was perfectly in keeping with the familial issues that form the cornerstone of the work of both screenwriters and not too jarring at all, giving an extra dynamic to the Fox family.

The script takes Dahl's twisted English countryside and adds a degree of bohemian America flavouring, characters shopping at the 'Five and Dime' and bringing in American colloquialisms that again stick out from the original but play well within the context of the film.

What is most refreshing is the way Anderson hasn't compromised his working methods to make the film more 'child-friendly', the relationship between Mr Fox and his son, to a degree,

as fractured as that of the Tenenbaum children with their father in *The Royal Tenenbaums*, or of the Whitman brothers in *The Darjeeling Limited*.

It makes for a beguiling, but wholly satisfying marriage, Anderson paying as much attention to the disconnect of the family as the rest of the story.

Visually, the film retains his identity, bright colour palettes and the use of wonderfully constructed shots giving the film a beautiful autumnal glow that is also reflected in the characters – the film looking gorgeously stylised, the slight imperfections of the stop-motion animation lending a charm to the visuals.

Using his usual troupe of actors, the vocal cast are all very good; Clooney conveys wonderfully the charm and laconic carefree attitude of the title character, while Jason Schwartzman gives Ash a pluck and desire that works well.

With the likes of Bill Murray, Owen Wilson, and a superb Willem Dafoe all lending their tonsils, the cast is wonderfully strong, even though Meryl Streep is somewhat sidelined as Mr Fox and is given little to do.

While thoroughly charming, there are a few little gripes; while

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

only 87 minutes long, the pace does slacken somewhat in the middle section, while the film feels a little too slight, coming across a bit more like a Sunday evening television special than a film.

Yet, ultimately, the film's charm is difficult to resist, and while it may not engage younger audience members as much as the latest CGI animation film, it's hard to argue with the end results – this *Mr Fox* certainly is fantastic!

VERDICT – A visually gorgeous and entertaining film, *Fantastic Mr Fox* lives up to his billing. The vocal cast offer up strong turns, and, as a Wes Anderson film for kids, there is more than enough here to keep both young and old engaged throughout. *Recommended*.

Local star puts his stamp on promotion

PARALYMPIAN javelin thrower

Nathan Stephens from Barry is backing Royal Mail as a winner with its latest set of commemorative stamps promoting the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2010.

Royal Mail has commissioned some of Britain's most exciting artists and illustrators to create three sets of stamps, to be issued in the run up to London 2012 Olympic Games, and Nathan was only too happy to throw himself into promoting the stamps in Wales.

The first set of three were issued this week and Royal Mail caught up with Nathan, 21, at the training ground at the National Indoor Athletic Centre in Cardiff.

Nathan, originally from Bridgend, and now working as a sports coach at UWIC, Cardiff, said: "I am hoping to compete in the 2012 Paralympics and these brilliant stamps will help draw attention to the Games as they come closer."

"I am hoping I will be competing and I really enjoyed taking part in the Summer Olympics this year in Beijing."

He was placed fourth in the javelin, eighth in the shot-put and 11th in the discus. Previously,

he competed in the Winter Olympics in Turin in 2006 where he joined the Paralympics ice hockey team and he has also acted as a referee for the new Paralympics game of Boccia, featured on the Olympic stamps.

For Nathan, being involved in sport has provided him with a real focus in life after losing both his legs in a train accident when he was just nine years old.

"I played rugby and football before the accident and so I turned to sport again after it happened to give me a focal point to concentrate on and I am pleased with my success in the Paralympics events."

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SADLY, given the very high level of divorce and separation in this country, many parents are faced with the trauma and stress of not only losing their partner, but day-to-day contact with their beloved children, and this can be a devastating blow, both to the parent losing out, and the children involved.

In 2004, of the 13.1 million families with dependent children in Wales and England, 24 per cent of these families were lone parents, with only two per cent being lone fathers. Further, in the latest government research about contact difficulties, over 25 per cent of children from parents who separated over three years ago, no longer have any contact with the non-resident parent.

In an ideal world, children should be able to enjoy quality time with each of their parents, but if this is proving impossible in your case, then you should seek the help of a family lawyer, preferably a member of Resolution.

lawyers are specially trained to try and reach an amicable agreement on your behalf and can assist you in giving advice, information and support in trying to reach arrangements with a former partner. Where this is not possible, they will then assist with processing the matter through the courts.

However, the most practical advice I can give in dealing with contact arrangements is:

- Do not be late.
- Always be courteous, even in difficult and trying circumstances.

● Ensure that you are sharing the financial responsibility of your child's upbringing on a fair, regular and consistent basis.

- Do not cancel arrangements at the last minute.
- Make the effort to spend quality time with the child rather than for example, taking them to do the food shopping.

● Never talk negatively about your former partner in front of the children.

If adhered to, it takes a hard parent not to eventually start to cooperate.

This group of family

The trials of child contact post separation

KATIE McCOLGAN of Berry Smith Solicitors writes on how to help children get through divorce or separation.

uncooperative?

This is however, bad news indeed for children, since the latest research from the University College of Wales, Cardiff has confirmed that the quality of relations between separating parents directly affects children's long-term emotional, behavioural and academic development.

Under the latest legal changes implemented in December last year, contact orders now automatically carry a warning notice and should, therefore, be easier to enforce.

In addition, there are more extended enforcement options available including fines, parenting courses, community service etc. However, it is usually better to try and cooperate for the sake of the children, rather than look for punitive remedies.

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Lily Allen, Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan, take note. The art of being a lady can produce great results for your party credentials and up your invite count this Christmas, according to Tomczak.

She explains: "Behaving like a lady can ensure you a place on every party guest list, make you the most popular girl in the office and yes, even help you pro-

by LISA HAYNES

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Tomczak says: "A little attention to such things as table manners and party-guest decorum might seem old-fashioned, but it will pay off many times over."

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Tomczak gives her top 10 tips for sailing through the most tricky function:

- Reply to an invitation promptly.
- Arrive around 15 minutes after the 'start' time.
- Bring the hostess a gift as well as something to drink.
- Make an effort to socialise with people new to you.



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HOW TO AVOID EMBARRASSING ANTICS AT YOUR CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS...

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• Help create a party atmosphere with jokes and anecdotes you know everyone will enjoy.

• Offer your services to the host, whether it be passing around canapés, or topping up glasses.

• Listen to the hostess's requests – head to the dining room when she requests, or hit the dance floor so others will follow suit.

• Don't flirt inappropriately.

• Don't smoke in the house or drink red wine near pale-coloured furnishings.

• Judge when the party is winding down and make a move to leave – try not to be the first or last to head home.

KEEP LOOKING SMART...

Tomczak reveals how to deal with life's dinner dilemmas.

• COMPLICATED CANAPÉS – "Try to eat a canapé in one bite," she advises. "Decline anything that looks too bulky – an overstuffed mouth is not ladylike.

Avoid anything that leaves you with something to hold, like a king prawn, or chicken skewer."

• OLIVE OOPSIES –

"Beware of stones," warns Tomczak. "If your olive contains one and there are no receptacles provided for the pits, bring a napkin up to your mouth and discreetly spit the stone into it."

• SLIPPY SOUP –

"Spoon your soup by scooping away from you, rather than towards you," Tomczak says. "Never put your entire spoon into your mouth – and never attempt to eat soup when wearing white."

• THE AFTERMATH

– Food stuck in your teeth? Combat the offending article in a ladylike manner. The Tomczak solution is thus: "If you can sense an offending article in your teeth, the best thing to do is to excuse yourself from the table and remove the dental deviant in the privacy of the bathroom.

• CONVERSATION CLANGERS – When the

wine is flowing, party guests can easily drop a misguided conversation killer. So how do you climb out of the humungous hole that you've just dug for yourself?

When you've asked about a boyfriend who has run off with the babysitter, for instance, "offer a brief, sincere apology and change the subject quickly," Tomczak advises. "If you hadn't known already that the relationship was over, you're probably not close enough to discuss the intimate details anyway."

However, if you've

really put your size sixes in it and can sense your conversation partner's blood is boiling by the minute, assess your clanger carefully and use damage control.

Tomczak says: "You don't want to dig yourself deeper into that hole with justifications or effusive apologies, so a swift change of subject could be in order.

However, if your companion is outraged,

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observations from which

you can start up a new

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Fun and safety advice for Hallowe'en

THE Vale Youth Service Pulse Team is marking Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes Night with fun events for local youngsters this week.

Today, Area 41 will host a special Beatbox programme between 6pm-9pm and on Friday, young would-be-breakdancers will be able to take part in a special workshop between 1pm-3pm.

On Saturday, Hallowe'en Vibe Experience is running a Fright Night event in the Memorial Hall, Barry from 6.45pm until 10pm and open to young people aged 12-17 years old.

The night's entertainment, which is supported by Kiss 101 and DJs Matt Rogers and Reece Carter, will feature popular Barry band Motion Control as well as Beatbox Fozzy.

Also on Saturday, Vale Youth Service is running a county wide trip to Fright Night at

Thorpe Park. Coaches will be leaving from Penarth, Barry, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Cowbridge for young people aged 13-17 years.

In Penarth on Friday, October 30, the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Vale Youth Service are running the 'Shockwave Disco' at the Eclipse night club in the town. It is open to young people aged 13-17 and tickets cost £2.50.

On November 6, Cowbridge youth centre will be playing host to a 'Battle of the Bands' from 6.45pm until 10pm and open to young people in the 13-17 age group.

Before schools broke up for their half-term break, they were all visited by South Wales Police schools liaison officers, who addressed assemblies about the dangers of fireworks, as well as how to avoid anti-social behaviour often linked to Hallowe'en.

Plaid hit out at housing plans

PLAID parliamentary candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has called upon residents who live in council-owned homes to reject plans to transfer housing stock to a social landlord.

Dr Johnson said: "The 4,000 families that live in council-owned accommodation in the Vale have a right to expect the Vale Council to look after them properly, not duck their responsibilities in the way suggested by the Conservative-run council.

"The attempted sale of council homes to the private social sector is a result of unfair practice by the Treasury in London.

"It is a New Labour policy that refuses a level playing ground between the council and private landlords, by stopping councils from borrowing money to fund improvements to council houses, but allows social landlords. This is clearly not fair."

Coun Nic Hodges, Plaid Cymru leader on the Vale Council, said: "The council might not always be the best landlord, but it is one where we all know where people stand.

"Those currently living in council accommodation must think very carefully before they vote to join the private sector – and not be fooled by spin that suggests they'll be better off by doing so."

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Development in Conservation Areas
Datblygiad mewn Ardalod Cadwraeth

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00970/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Canopy to front elevation
 Location/Lleoliad: 73, Eastgate, Cowbridge
 Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00975/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: New balcony to ground floor forming part car port to basement. Replacement balcony to first floor
 Location/Lleoliad: 21, Lakeside, The Knap, Barry
 Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth Barry (Marine)

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00984/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Alterations and extensions including single storey extension to replace conservatory and conversion of garage
 Location/Lleoliad: Highgate, Church Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
 Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/01013/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Increase in height of dwelling, introduction of single storey extension to side and roof lights
 Location/Lleoliad: St. Peters, Station Terrace, East Aberthaw
 Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth East Aberthaw

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/0096/LBC
 Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed amendments to previously approved conversion to hotel; alteration and extension to Hensol Castle to create spa; and conversion and extension of former southern ward blocks and concert hall to create 52 apartments
 Location/Lleoliad: Hensol Castle, Miskin
 Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade I

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00971/LBC
 Proposal/Cynnig: Provide canopy to front elevation, provide advertisement to side plus hanging sign, provide internal shutters
 Location/Lleoliad: 73, Eastgate, Cowbridge
 Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00978/LBC
 Proposal/Cynnig: To remove rotten single glazed windows & replaced with double glazed wooden windows. The glazing if approved will be Pilkington K Low E
 Location/Lleoliad: Cherry Tree Cottage, Boerton Park Drive, Boerton
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Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00654/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Removal of condition 1 of approval 2008/01504/FUL to allow the composting plant to remain indefinitely
 Location/Lleoliad: Existing agricultural building situated 300m to the west of Llwynheg Farm, Cowbridge

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00934/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Retrospective planning application to regularise past mineral extraction and associated operations
 Location/Lleoliad: Land at Pant Quarry, St. Brides Major

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2009/00965/FUL
 Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed amendments to comprehensive mixed use redevelopment including conversion and extension of castle as hotel, conversion of ward blocks to residential use, development of holiday accommodation, new two storey staff accommodation and restoration of walled garden
 Location/Lleoliad: Hensol Castle, Miskin, Pendoylan

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Proposed development at Land at Pant Quarry, St. Brides Major.

I give notice that Tarmac Limited, is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Retrospective planning application to regularise past mineral extraction and associated operations.

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- The application.
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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 12 November, 2009.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 12 November 2009 quoting reference 2009/00934/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Pant Quarry, St. Brides Major

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Former mayor celebrates his 100th birthday



Mr Ben Evans is visited on his 100th birthday by the Vale Mayor and Mayoress.

FORMER mayor of Barry, Ben Evans, has celebrated his 100th birthday at the town's Orchard House residential care home.

A long-serving Labour councillor, Mr Evans was caretaker at Gladstone Primary School, Barry, before retirement and a keen trade unionist. He was also a great supporter of the local Mencap charity over many years.

Hailing from Treorchy, Mr Evans was born into a family of 10. His sister May, who is 96 and still lives in the original family home, was among those visiting him during the week.

Telegrams from the Queen and First Minister for Wales, Rhodri Morgan AM, were among numerous congratulatory telegrams, messages and cards for Mr Evans.

Mr Evans also enjoyed a family party which included his daughter, Lyn, of Barry Island, son Keith, of Chipping Sodbury, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Wick squeeze past Druids in local derby

LAST Saturday at Wick, strong winds and driving rain influenced the outcome of this local derby between Wick and Llantwit Major Druids.

Prior to this game, both teams were unbeaten in this Bridgend District Division Two league encounter.

Wick unveiled a new kit, thanks to sponsor Pendragon Cleaning Ltd of Barry, and pass on their thanks to the company.

The visitors won the toss and elected to play uphill into the wind.

Llantwit scored after the first quarter period with a powerful back row try by Liam Isaac near the sticks, which was converted.

It didn't look like it at the time, but this would be their last points.

After Druids' indiscipline at the fiercely-contested ruck area, Wick hit back with two penalties from vice-captain Dan Powell. Half-time score 6-7.

Most of the play was fought out in the middle 50-metre section of the pitch and raids into the 22s were rare. Although

Wick did touch down over the whitewash once, after a five-metre scrum, the try was disallowed.

A well-struck drop goal by Powell on the 22 edged Wick into the lead, 9-7. With play becoming intense to say the least in the last quarter, further ruck indiscipline from The Druids gave Powell an opportunity to increase the lead, which he took.

His season's kicking success rate is now an admirable 80 per cent. Final score 12-7.

The referee, from the Ospreys region, was quick to comment that the game was played with a rare intensity.

The best contest of the match was between the two open sides Liam Isaac (Llantwit) and Luke McNaughton.

However, coach Creed, a former Llantwit player himself, was quick to praise a massive effort from his front eight – not wanting to single out any player as man-of-the-match.

This Saturday, Wick play Porthcawl in the 'Barry Morris Memorial Plate competition'.

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COWBRIDGE FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL ENHANCES ITS CULINARY REPUTATION

COWBRIDGE is once again celebrating a successful food and drink festival, and the town has proved a magnet for culinary enthusiasts from the Vale and south Wales.

All the popular features of previous Cowbridge festivals were busy over the weekend.

The marqueses were packed out with traders and customers, and at times it was hard to envisage how to squeeze any more in.

The popular demonstrations gave food fans a chance to see experienced chefs at work, as they gave a running commentary on their techniques – prompted by questions from TV personality Frances Donovan.

Local public houses organised beer and cider festivals, adding to the dazzling choice from micro-breweries exhibiting in the marqueses.

There was also a popular craft fair, with stalls offering a huge variety of items.

The weekend proved once again that the festival is now a fixture in the culinary calendar – and in these financially stretched times it provided great value for money.

After all, there surely can't be anyone who regards the £2.50 adult entrance fee as anything but a good deal. Quite frankly, if you don't polish off £2.50 worth of free food and wine samples, you can't have been trying.

Similarly, all you have to do is send any small child home happy is to let them stand in anticipation for five minutes watching the chocolate fountain.



ABOVE: Heaven for children, the chocolate fountains looked irresistible!
 BELOW: 'Who ate all the pies? By the end of the day, quite a few!'



PHILIP IRWIN savours the festival atmosphere.

Tain. Of course, it's probably best to let them have a taste at the end!

However, the important people when it comes to future years are the traders. Without them, there is no festival.

Are they happy? Will they be back next year?

On behalf of The GEM, I spent Sunday wandering from stand to stand, sampling the wares and canvassing opinions. The only downside was that I was spending my own money!

The first stop was in the courtyard of Il Portico, which was offering free samples of its patisserie, and Tanners of Shrewsbury was doing likewise with the wines that it supplies to the Italian restaurateur. There were some outstanding proseccos, and Rob Evans of Tanners said: "This is our first visit and I am impressed with the organisation, and it has been very enjoyable, although it was quite windy yesterday."

There were more sparkling wines at our next stop – not surprising as it was the Spar-sponsored champagne marquee!

Now this tent is a perfect example of how the business community in Cowbridge pulls together to make the food festival happen. Spar supermarket pay a sizeable amount to cover the cost of the marquee, staff from Bar 44 serve customers all day, and profits from the sale of champagne go back into the fund to finance next year's festival!

So, if you enjoy the festival, it is practically your civic duty to pick up a few bottles of bubbly!

Natalie from Bar 44 was delighted when I spoke to her, even though it was only 11.30am and the tent was, not surprisingly, quiet. She said: "We set a target of selling 500 bottles of champagne over the weekend and by the end of Saturday, we had already sold 350! We have been on the phone this morning ordering extra!"

On the way into the main festival area, I spoke to the food festival manager, Polly Wilson. Between fielding queries on her walkie-talkie, she said that things were going well, despite the poor weather on Saturday.

She said: "The weather forecast indicated that Sunday was going to be better than Saturday, and the numbers who are arriving this morning confirm that."

"However, the exhibitors were happy yesterday, and I was pleased with the number of new exhibitors we had this year. Certainly, there have been no problems so far."

She said that the prospects for next year were good, although they would be looking for more sponsors, as was always the case.

She said: "We think it is important to offer a festival without hidden extras. I think parents would not be happy if they had to pay for things such as face painting, so we make sure that fun things for



the children are free."

Once inside the first of the marqueses, we were spoilt for choice, and the only problem was getting near some of the stalls. After sampling some of the various goat's cheese on offer at 'Kid Me Not', I asked stallholder Mike, who had travelled from Carmarthen, how things were going.

He said: "I have come for the last three years, and things are going well, although there was a slow start yesterday."

The next stallholder hadn't travelled so far. Leighton Morris of 'Grow your own Chillis' had come all the way from Cowbridge, offering plants that you can grow indoors, just as with any house plant, and look forward to a harvest each year for three years. Leighton reported that he was doing brisk business, with more people being attracted by the idea of a practical and unusual house plant.

Is there a doctor in the house? There was one on the Warcop Brewery stand. Dr William Picton had made the trip from Newport, Gwent, with a range of lagers, beers and ciders.

Dr William is a doctor in the field of bio-enzymes, which sounds as if it is pretty useful when it comes to fermentation and all the other mysteries that go into brewing, and his beers were certainly classy and distinctive!

There was a bit of east - west rivalry in this area of the festival, as I next spoke to another micro brewery, this time from Aberaeron.

Penny, from Penlon Cottage Brewery, however, shared Dr William's view that things were going well in terms of sales.

A regular, who has been coming to Cowbridge since the festival started, was Wil, of Wil's Smoke House in Herefordshire, who smokes some unlikely items, and he was doing very good business with his smoked pumpkin seeds.

Wil agreed with his fellow stallholders, saying that things had started slowly on Saturday, but that sales had really picked up.

The Cowbridge Fairtrade group had a stall at the festival, and Linda Osborne told me that there had been a great deal of interest in Fairtrade, with plenty of visitors wanting to know more.

The next stop was at Cocina Ceramics from north Devon, where I found Bernadette to be a fervent disciple of the Cowbridge festival. She said: "This is one of the best-organised festivals that we come to, and it is always well worthwhile."

"In fact, I don't go to many these days – my colleagues in the business do most of them – but I insisted on doing Cowbridge."

She added: "We went to one recently in the west midlands, and that was a complete mess compared to Cowbridge."

Over at the stall belonging to 'The Best of Taste', Nick was bucking the 'slow start on Saturday' trend. He had brought a delicious range of coulis and dessert sauces from his base in Shropshire, all tasting – he insisted – of the fruit rather than any added sugar.

He said: "I don't think I could have done more business yesterday. I was on my own and just never stopped!"



I can vouch for his taste test, by the way, and I handed over my own cash for his raspberry coulis.

Or the next stall, there was a rather nervous Trisha Hill from the Hendrewennol Fruit garden in the Vale. She was nervous because she was due on the demonstration stand in half an hour, demonstrating some unusual blends of fruit smoothie.

"It's the first time I have done one!" she said.

There were some distinctive spirits on offer at Celtic Spirit from Abergavenny, and Ros reported that they were doing good business, particularly on their apple brandies.

Finally, I visited what had to be the most memorable stall, and spoke to Nikki from 'Why Not Hot? – the Chilli People', who had come along from west Wales, bringing with her a huge range of chilli sauces and chutneys.

Now, journalists are always advised to avoid the obvious questions, but sometimes you just have to ask, so I said: "Do macho blokes come along and say: 'Let me try your hottest chilli sauce.'"

She replied: "It happens all the time," and pointed to about 15 bottles, all lined up.

"They are hotter as you go left to right."

The one on the extreme right was called 'Unhinged', and the bottle warned: "This product could cause you to lose your grip on reality".

Nikki said: "It's 6.5 million scovilles. That is how they rate hotness."

"What is tabasco on that scale?" I replied.

"About 100,000."

Well that was that. I am a firm believer in discretion being the better part of valour, and I was not going to engage in a pointless piece of macho posturing just to prove I could do it.

That was until my companion spooned some of the sauce onto a tortilla cracker and popped it into her mouth!

Well, sometimes you have to stand up for the male gender, so I smeared a smidgeon onto a cracker and did likewise.

Nikki smiled – and waited.

She didn't have to wait long.

Helpfully, she said: "There's an ice cream stall just around the corner."

Ten minutes later I said to my friend: "How's the tongue?"

"It's still on fire."

We were in complete agreement



ABOVE: An expert commentary, with Frances Donovan holding the microphone.



Enjoying a great food festival day out!

THE old adage 'If it ain't broke don't fix it', is true at Cowbridge's food and drink festival.

Rather than tamper with a winning formula, the organisers have instead 'tweaked' it on an annual basis, refining here and adding a little extra there.

The regular food demonstrations (right) remain a popular feature, and around the town there were clowns, magicians and musical entertainment – all designed to create that festival atmosphere.

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There were glass blowing demonstrations.



***BELOW:** The Vale AM, Jane Hutt (on right) is a regular festival visitor.*

Smiles all round for the festival weekend!

TO find the heart of the food festival, it was necessary to spend time in the main marquees – watching as visitors sought out old favourites or tested new products.

It is not often possible to speak to traders who know so much about their products – or who are so passionate about it!

Of course, the festival could not survive and prosper without a small army of willing volunteers, such as the gentlemen below who were on duty at the main entrance throughout the weekend.

Another delighted visitor was the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, seen arriving (below) with his wife, Vi, the Mayoress.



ABOVE:
There were snacks for passers-by in the high street.



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ABOVE: The Cowbridge Fairtrade Group were waving the flag for ethical trading.



ABOVE:
Trisha Hill of Hendrewnnol Fruit Garden (right) was just about to go on stage in the food demonstration marquee.



BELOW:
There is more than one way of attracting attention to your stall!



Fashion Week nets £5,000 for one of Vale's great causes

COWBRIDGE FASHION WEEK raised more than £5,000 for Ty Hafan, the charity based in Sully which provides end of life care to children with life-limiting conditions.

Esther Hitchcock, a member of Cowbridge Fashion Week committee, told The GEM: "We will be able to give Ty Hafan more than £5,000, thanks to the event."

"We're hoping to hold a presentation of a giant cheque in the near future."

"Over the three days we had a perfect response, the atmosphere was great."

There will be another Cowbridge Fashion Week in the future, but no final decision has been made as to whether it will be in a year's time or possibly 18 months.

Esther added: "Each time an event like this is held you learn something new, and we will be able to take that forward to Cowbridge's next Fashion Week."

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ABOVE:
Actor Michael Sheen's father, Meyrick, is the king of the Jack Nicholson look-a-likes



Barry carer in line for national caring award

A YOUNG woman with severe learning disabilities has been able to enjoy a much more active life thanks to the dedication of her carer.

It is that special devotion and determination which has earned the carer, Lasu McKenzie, a nomination for one of this year's Wales Care Awards.

Lasu, from Barry, is a health care support worker for April Complete Care Solutions Ltd, based in Bridgend.

She has been short-listed in the category for domiciliary care and supported living practitioners by her manager Wendy Duckworth.

The awards are organised by the Care Forum Wales, the main representative body of the care sector in Wales, and the glittering prize-giving ceremony will be held at City Hall, Cardiff, on Friday, October 30.

The mother-of-two, who was born in Coventry, and moved to south Wales 30 years ago.

Lasu entered the caring profession by an unusual route, having worked as a cleaner at a nursing home. She was persuaded to become a



ABOVE:

Lasu McKenzie, who will find out tomorrow evening (Friday) whether she has won a prestigious caring award from Care Forum Wales.

carer at the home, and 10 years ago joined her present employers, working in the community.

"I never thought I would be able to do the work but I just love working one-to-one and getting to know all about the service-users I care for," she said.

"I always try to put myself in their shoes and to think how I would feel if I were in their position," said Lasu, 49.

"I find the whole job so rewarding and I'm sure that when the time comes for me to retire I'll carry on doing something similar on a

STAFF and pupils of Murch Junior School in Dinas Powys are celebrating after winning the 17th annual 'We Are The Champions' inter-school competition in the Vale.

The annual event was started in Penarth by PC Malcolm Thomas who recently retired from South Wales Police. Since it was first held, it has brought together more than 20,000 year-11 pupils from 40 different schools in the Vale.

This year, more than 1,200 youngsters took part in six weeks of intensive competitions which culminated in an exciting final which was held at MoD St Athan on Wednesday, October 21.

Each year, schools from across the Vale take part in activities including a swimming gala, tug of war and obstacle courses and both the winners and runners up in each heat go through to a grand final at MoD St Athan where, this year, eight schools competed against each other to become the champion of champions.

The day's events

MURCH JUNIORS SAY 'WE ARE THE (SCHOOLS) 'CHAMPIONS!'



ABOVE:
The Murch school team (and a few of their supporters!) proudly show off their 'We Are The Champions' shield.

first time they have held the title since 2002.

"I would also like to thank the MOD personnel for their help and support in making their facilities available."

Chief Inspector Jay Dave of the Vale of Glamorgan Police and Wing Commander Lyndon Jones, Senior RAF Officer, MoD St

Athan, joined Mrs Jan Jones, counter manager at Barclays Bank in Llantwit Major, who sponsor the event, and civic dignitaries from across the Vale to present the prizes to the winning teams.

Chief Inspector Dave paid tribute to the hard work of former PC Thomas and said:

"South Wales Police is delighted with the continued success of 'We Are The Champions' which has been made possible through the dedication of Malcolm Thomas and his team. We look forward to another exciting year for all of the Vale year-6 pupils when the competition returns in 2010."

The schools which took part in the final were: St Brides, Cadoxton, St David's, Gladstone, Murch, Victoria, Llangan and Wick and Marcross.

Out and About with The GEM

Children's festival competition winners



LEFT:
Robin
Banford's
scary
pumpkin!

THE winners of two GEM-sponsored competitions held during the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink have been announced.

Taking the prize for the best carved pumpkin was a local girl, Robin Banford, aged just three!

In the cake decorating competition, there was a much older winner as Dafydd Furnham, all of five years old, impressed the judges.



RIGHT:
Dafydd
Furnham's
winning
cake.

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Nicholas Parsons winner

MANDY GILTINAN of Rhoose, was the lucky winner of our competition to receive four tickets to see Nicholas Parsons at St Donats last Saturday (October 24).

The entertainer was hosting an evening entitled 'Just A Laugh A Minute' and a great time was had by all!

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Young art winners



A COMPETITION was held recently as part of Waitrose Barry's celebrations at the newly-refurbished branch.

The theme of the painting was 'sea-sonal' and organisers reported a "fantastic response" from local schools.

The paintings are currently displayed in the coffee shop at the Barry store.

The winners were:
Under 5: 1st - Riley O'Neill, Cogan
Nursery; 2nd - Tegan, Jenner Park; 3rd
- Aaron Belby, Ysgol San Baru.

5 to 7 years: 1st - Elise Nessbert,
Gwenwyn c/w Primary; 2nd - Ashton
Sparks, Jenner Park; 3rd - Emily
Mardon, Gwenwyn c/w Primary.

8 to 11 years: 1st - Carys Mills,
Jenner Park; 2nd - Leah, Jenner Park;
3rd - Christopher Neale, Jenner Park.

Photo exhibition at Victoria Park

A BARRY park is staging an exhibition at Victoria Park, Cadovton, featuring digital photography work by "complete beginners to old hands".

'Viewfinders' runs at 'The Room in the Park' from Sunday,

November 1-15. It will

be open daily from
10am-4pm except
Mondays and Saturdays
(1pm-4pm).

Viewfinders are a

group of enthusiastic
amateur digital photog-
raphers who have
formed into a workshop

to encourage, help and
share knowledge of digi-
tal imagery and photog-

raphy.

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ages range from 16 to 78
years of age, all share a
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- £500: 435564. • £100: 487733. • £50: 819147, 255329, 676811, 769813, 205867, 849158, 915157, 586997, 885571, 363686.
- £10: 290434, 398679, 776644, 816472, 615576, 215528, 470152, 298042, 634772, 576463, 146817, 255329, 676811, 769813, 205867, 849158, 915157, 586997, 885571, 363686.
- £5: 446505, 279253,

Table top sale

THERE will be a table top and car boot sale on Saturday, November 7 at the Colcot Community Centre, Tennyson Road (off Winston Road), Barry.

Doors open at 12noon for stallholders only, and buyers will be welcomed from 1pm. To reserve a table or car boot, contact 01446 402893.

There will also be a Christmas bazaar, bric-a-brac stall, gift stalls, raffle and refreshments.

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'Flying Vet' is returned to jail

VALE Flying Vet, Maurice Kirk, who spent almost 12 weeks undergoing a series of assessments in a Bridgend psychiatric unit, has been returned to Cardiff prison.

He appeared at Cardiff Crown Court on Monday, and was labelled "a fool" for insisting on conducting his own defence.

Mr Kirk, aged 64, whose home is at St Donats, had been sent to the Caswell Clinic, but was returned to prison by Judge Eleri Rees.

Judge Rees told Mr Kirk he had access to publicly-funded legal representation, but Mr Kirk dismissed her.



MAURICE KIRK

advice.

Mr Kirk said: "I wish to represent myself, there's no need for further adjournment."

Judge Rees put Mr Kirk's case back until December 4 and told him: "A man who represents himself is a fool."

During his initial remand period on antique firearm charges in Cardiff prison during

the summer, Mr Kirk went on hunger strike, only taking sips of water. He was protesting at being refused permission to appear personally in court to ask a judge to give him bail so he could prepare his own defence.

Mr Kirk was originally remanded in custody to Cardiff Prison on June 25, to await trial on charges of unlawfully possessing an antique World War 1 firearm (a 1916 Lewis machine gun) and attempting to sell it without authority.

A day earlier, on June 24, he had been released on bail by Barry magistrates.

However, the prosecution appealed against his release at Cardiff Crown Court and he was then remanded in custody at Cardiff prison.

Bryncethin under-8s lose out in the mud

IN torrential rain and on a heavy pitch, Bryncethin under-8s lost their unbeaten home record to a well-drilled Green Stars team in a close and tense game of rugby.

With the rain pouring down, the visitors had the best of the early encounters with two well-taken tries and an excellent display of strong defensive rugby.

Ifan Hunnam and Rhys Williams both went close for Bryncethin after direct running and excellent support play. However, each attack was repelled by the Green Stars as they closed down the space and claimed the Bryncethin tags.

With the final play of the half, Shaun Bachelor and Rhys Cawley linked well but the Green Stars held out to lead 2-0 at half-time.

Despite the conditions and the score line, the Bryncethin youngsters continued to show the same desire and determination straight from the restart. Excellent tagging by every player was crucial in forcing the Green Stars backwards and holding them out throughout the remainder of the game.

Bryncethin began to show greater enterprise in attack as Billy Sinclair worked the ball wide to try and find space down the wing. Mike Gillette took the pass and broke through the defensive line. Unfortunately, the covering defenders got back to claim the tag.

With the final whistle approaching, Jake Whitefield showed tremendous pace and balanced running as he received the ball on the half-way line. He evaded several attempted tags as he sprinted down the

touchline to finish in the corner.

This proved to be the only score of the half and the Green Stars held on to their lead for the 2-1 win, despite the never-say-die attitude of Jake Whitefield who earned the stand-out performance award for inspiring his team throughout the game.

This was a solid performance in extremely testing conditions with debutant Kane Walters impressing well with his defensive duties. All the coaches and parents were proud of the effort and unrelenting attitude displayed by everyone, well done!

Squad: Jake Whitefield (captain), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Bachelor, Rhys Cawley, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Josh Nuth, Billy Sinclair, Kane Walter, Rhys Williams

Under-9s at Tonna

THIS was a first trip up the Neath Valley for Bryncethin under-9s for an engaging game between two well-matched sides.

Both teams were hampered by the atrocious weather but still produced an action-packed game.

Captained for the day by Morgan Stevens, Bryncethin made a bright start and, despite the weather, attempted to play running rugby. With the conditions, this was proving difficult so it was good to see the players change tactics to keep the ball tight for a period.

This was highlighted for the first try of the game when excellent body positions by the likes of Rhys Davies, Ethan Hopkins, Tobias Hunt, Rhys Davies, Finlay Mullen, Aaron Thomas, Daniel Osarigie, Davies Pilkington and Luke Board.

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Margaret looks back on 50 years as a Soroptimist



NINETEEN members of Bridgend Soroptimist Club enjoyed lunch and a chat to celebrate Club member Margaret Bertorelli's 50 years as a Soroptimist in Bridgend.

Membership officer Eileen presented Margaret with a long service certificate and congratulated Margaret on her years of service with the club.

President Joyce spoke of how hard Margaret had worked for the club and how pleased she was to be able to celebrate

her achievement.

Joyce presented Margaret with a card and a lovely basket of flowers.

Margaret thanked the club and said she hadn't realised she had been a member for so long. She said that she had a lot of 'firsts'.

When she joined the club, Margaret was the youngest member, the first member to have a baby and then the first member to hold the three offices of secretary, treasurer and president.

Margaret recalled that she had been chair of the social committee for about 40 years.

Pencoed crime prevention day

AS part of the forthcoming Not in My Neighbourhood Week, the neighbourhood policing team for Pencoed has run its second crime prevention day in the town in recent weeks.

It was decided to run the event a week ahead of the national campaign in order to take advantage of the autumn half term holiday to enable Pencoed's young people to learn about crime prevention.

PC Sam Beaumont and her colleagues, PCSOs Lauren Dillon and Meurig Coleman said they have been planning the event for several weeks and planned to repeat the exercise every six weeks or so.

The crime prevention van was parked in a prominent position in the centre of the town and attracted scores of visitors during the day, who were provided with a range of advice and information covering a range of crime prevention topics, from personal security to keeping their homes and vehicles secure.

As well as general crime prevention issues, members of South Wales Police's armed response team, also attended and talked to young people about the dangers of illegal and negligent use of air rifles.

PC Beaumont said: "We were very pleased to welcome so many people to our stand; we were able to provide information on keeping homes secure and supply a range of useful leaflets to members of the public.

"We will be running similar events on regular basis in Pencoed and hope to meet as many members of our community as possible in the weeks and months ahead."

Kenfig Hill trio shine in victory

THREE of Kenfig Hill's under-16s represented the Boys Clubs of Wales in a hard-fought and close game against a strong Somerset district side.

Somerset went into a 10-0 lead within 10 minutes, but the Boys Club soon settled down, started to win good ball and eventually came out winners 25-22.

Kenfig Hill players scored three of the four tries. Adam Lloyd (one) and Ross Cooper (two).

Ross was awarded man of the match by Somerset officials.

KENFIG HILL RUGBY ROUND-UP

First XV squeeze win from Ystalyfera

KENFIG HILL put Ystalyfera under pressure from the kick off, preventing the visitors gaining any possession.

The Ystalyfera defence managed to keep the Mules out but finally cracked when number 8 Steve Gillard went over from the base of the scrum close to the line.

The drop out enabled Ystalyfera to get into the Kenfig Hill half for the first time in the game and, after being awarded a penalty, outside half Dane Clancy gained the three points with a well struck kick.

Almost immediately, Kenfig Hill outside half Rhodri Clark replied with a penalty, and more pressure from Kenfig Hill was applied and they were rewarded with a try when an attempted clearance kick was charged down and Gillard picked the ball up to score his second try.

This gave a half time score of Kenfig Hill 13, Ystalyfera 3.

Kenfig went back on the attack and Clark put over his second penalty of the game. The Mules were unlucky not to score again soon after, from another charged down clearance kick.

Hooker Lee Williams then scored the try of the game when Steve Gillard made a break and passed to Williams, who chipped the ball ahead and won the race to touch down.

After this, Ystalyfera tried to disrupt the game but the Mules kept their cool and were desperately unlucky not to gain a bonus point.

Final score: Kenfig Hill 21, Ystalyfera 3.

For Kenfig, Lee Williams was named by the referee as man of the match, with an outstanding contribution from Steve Gillard. Ray Evans gave a cultured display at full back.

Kenfig Hill Seconds 12 Llanharan 36
THE Seconds came

PACT

A PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, at 6pm in the church hall, St Brides Major.

Car park gate

THE Vale Council has drawn up plans for a gate at the Ogmore-by-Sea beach car park.

The Vale Council want people's views on the subject before making any decisions. Go along and put your views forward. As many people as possible are welcome to attend the meeting.

Planning

AT a planning meeting held at the church hall on Monday, October

unstuck against a powerful Llanharan outfit in the rain and wind in Cornelly.

The Mules took an early lead after good pressure from scrum half Jamie Meers, which resulted in flanker Dai Dent crashing over wide out.

Llanharan responded immediately with some excellent movement between forwards and backs and they scored four unanswered tries before half time.

Llanharan continued in the same vein after the break and went into a deserved 36-5 lead.

The Mules eventually began to play to their potential and after some concerted pressure hard working flanker Craig Williams scored from a quickly taken penalty with the try being converted by Jamie Meers.

Mini-Mules at Maesteg
IT was an away game for Kenfig Hill at Maesteg Welsh and as wet a day as is likely all season.

Credit goes to all of the players who didn't complain once, although it's fair to say some of the mums and dads didn't look their Sunday best by the final whistle!

Starting just before the worst of the rain, the under-7s put on an exhibition of free flowing, try-scoring rugby.

Despite their non-stop efforts, Maesteg were simply unable to prevent the mini-Mules from scoring, the visitors running away to an 11-2 victory.

Captain Mark Underhill, Dafydd Jones and Alex Underhill each collected a score. Hard-working Joshua Jones scored his first-ever try after a powerful sprint up the touchline.

George Buckley too scored his first ever try, before collecting a second with a lovely gliding run.

Try-scoring honours however, go to five-try Oliver Pinches. Ollie's straight-line speed and change of direction were impressive, and the opposition struggled to

suppress him all game.

The under-7s are scoring freely but containing the opposition to two or less tries for the fifth time this season paved the way to victory. Led by Ewan Orchard, team mates Ewan Davis, Thomas Llewellyn and Callum Hill industriously chased the home attack, rarely missing a tag and working themselves to a standstill.

With the opening pass of the under-8s game, the heavens opened. Neither team let the torrential rain stop them from showing terrific skill throughout a competitive, hard fought three-all draw.

Going two-nil down, the Mules had to pick themselves up for the second half, which they did with enormous spirit. Birthday boy Tom Watkins harassed Maesteg constantly, forcing a couple of turnovers. This encouraged the under-8s, captained by Kieran Tantum, to attack hard.

After a series of tags and passes covering half the pitch, Jack Rundle sprinted clear of the defence to touch down in the corner. Jack's second score was followed by a first-of-the-season for Cameron Treher, who put in another solid performance in defence and attack.

In the thick of the defensive duties were Dylan Pearson, Calvin Gorringe, Oliver Roberts, Connor John and Rhys Perry.

However, despite the last-ditch efforts of Liam Evans and Harry Cooper, Maesteg crossed for a try with the final play of the game to secure the draw.

Our local newsagent had a surprise on Sunday morning when a figure came looming out of the darkness before he had time to opened the shop. However, all was explained when a Mules member realised he should have put his clock back on Saturday night!

GO'S

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

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26, the following observations were made on the following applications -

Dwelling in the garden Heol-y-Ysgol, St Brides Major; amended application for Dros-y-Mor, Southdown; extension to a cottage at Crwys Cwrt, Castle-upon-Alun, St Brides Major; the closure of Pant quarry except for re-cycling and for a lagoon (lake) on the quarry floor. Observations from the public welcome.

Poppies

POPPIES are now on sale in various local establishments.

Please give generously to enable the British Legion to continue their work for servicemen and their families.

Remembrance services will be held at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, at the earlier time of 10.45am and at the Ewenny War Memorial, where wreaths will be laid.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Under-10s entertain the crowd despite heavy rain

BRIDGEND Athletic under-10s travelled east and took on Llanharan.

In an open game, despite the numerous heavy showers, both teams tried to run the ball on every occasion.

Adam Murathodzic, Iwan Osbourne and Ethan Bennett all had their first appearances of the season for the Ath Greens, and all did well.

On a field with a considerable slope the Ath took full advantage in the first half and ran in four tries through good passing – the first coming from Dylan Parry, who used his speed to sprint in after he was put in the clear by an excellent pass from Drew Cording.

Half backs Nathan Willis and Rhys Gamble worked well together and got the Ath going forward

and they had good support from Drew Cording and Dylan Parry.

The Ath forwards worked hard to win the ball and rucked well, with Morgan Hughes, Matthew Hobby, Jack Walker and Jac Bassett prominent. With many Greens regulars away on holiday or victims of the various bugs going around, this was a great opportunity for other boys to impress and the coaches were pleased to see them take their chance.

In the second half, Llanharan put some good phases of play together and their powerful forwards made several drives for the try-line, getting three tries for their efforts.

The Ath responded with two of their own, with man of the match Nathan Willis completing his hat-trick and a great solo effort from

Joe Graham, who ran in from inside his own half.

Considering the conditions, it was a very entertaining game. Thomas Zielinski, Adam Murathodzic and Harry Provstgaard all came close to crossing for the Ath after strong runs.

Thanks must go to Ath players Sean Quick and Matthew Hibbert, who volunteered to play for Llanharan, as they were a couple of players short and they both did well. Thanks also to Llanharan who gave the Ath the fixture at short notice after the Ath's original opposition pulled out.

Ath try scorers were Nathan Willis (three), Dylan Parry (two) and Joe Graham. Four of the tries were converted. **Final score Llanharan 17, Ath 38.**

LG

Athletic's 'old hands' know too much for Waunarlwydd

BRIDGEND Athletic under-8s played a fairly new Waunarlwydd side, and the Ath boys showed great skill and ball handling and proved far too strong.

The Ath started the game off well with Iwan Hill racing up the line to score his first try for the club.

Many more tries followed as Waunarlwydd were pressured into making mistakes, and Sam Ralph got the second from a well-worked move.

All the squad were playing some great rugby and a good offload by Oliver Raynor put Jack Pitts in to score his first of the day.

Four more tries followed in the first half through Morgan Bennett, Mason Hughes, Oliver Raynor and Jack Pitts.

Waunarlwydd worked really hard in the first half but couldn't break the Ath defence. Isaac Watkins and Bobby Bromley worked their

socks off to keep them from scoring.

In the second half, the Ath boys again showed no mercy and started scoring early. Morgan Bennett got his second, followed by Jack Pitts, with his third. The pressure by the Ath was relentless.

Daniel Leyshon scored a good try before Oliver Raynor, who had a great game, crossed for his second. Archie Burnett scored another for the Ath but the Waunarlwydd boys kept playing their hearts out.

A good run saw them break the Ath's defence for the first time in the game and they raced up the line to score a try of their own. The Ath came back again to score a further two more tries through Jack Pitts, who had a great game on the wing, and to finish off, Oliver Raynor scored his third to end the game.

Player of the match went to Oliver Raynor who played really well in attack and defence.

The squad: Archie Burnett, Bobby Bromley, Daniel Leyshon, Isaac Watkins, Iwan Hill, Jack

Pitts, Mason Hughes, Morgan Bennett, Oliver Raynor and Sam Ralph.

Under-7s are in control

THE Ath under-7s played Waunarlwydd on a cold windy Sunday morning but that didn't stop the young Ath boys playing some super rugby.

With seven players out ill, they just had enough players to field a side, but the boys pulled together and played some great rugby.

The Ath started off at a furious pace, scoring nearly every time they had the ball. Jordan Gittins opened the scoring followed by Euan Rees, and Ellis Penman (who scored his first try for the club) and then Ryley Howells.

The Waunarlwydd side worked hard but could not break the Ath defence, and a dropped ball was picked up by Jordan Gittins, who raced away to score his second of the game.

Waunarlwydd came back and scored two tries but that proved to be the only ones they

would score.

The Ath scored three more tries at the end of the first half – first by Jordan Gittins (his third), Euan Rees (his second) and Fynn Mordecai (his first).

Waunarlwydd made a few mistakes in the second half and the Ath pounced on every loose ball. The first resulted in an excellent solo try for Fynn Mordecai and the second saw Ryley Howells pick up a loose pass and race down the line unopposed to score a fine solo try.

The Ath boys were rampant and three more tries followed before the end of the game, coming from Fynn Mordecai (two more) and Euan Rees, who rounded off a really good performance with his second.

Player of the match went to Euan Rees, who had a fantastic all-round game.

The squad: Connor Lees, Ryley Howells, Ellis Penman, Euan Rees, Fynn Mordecai, Jordan Gittins and Rhys Thomas.

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by IAN GOLDEN
in Smederevo

under pressure to slip the ball to Matt Thomas, who forced his way over in the corner. Webster's kick was just wide of the post.

From the first set after kick-off, Wales scored another long range try. Ian Watson opened up the gap for Ross Dovtry, who out-paced full-back Ivan Sujnara to ground under the sticks.

Webster goaled to make the score 8-34. Rhys Williams followed him over on the

left flank, with Webster kicking an excellent conversion and the score was 8-40 at the interval.

The Serbian defensive line did well to hold Lewis Mills up over the line to prevent an early second half Wales try.

Wales were first to break through in the second half, with another long range effort from Roets which Webster goaled. Dovtry took advantage of a loose ball to run

over for his second on 57 minutes, Webster converting once again.

The next four Welsh tries came straight from kick-off one after another. Lee Williams ran under the posts after good work from Webster and Kear, Rhys Williams sprinted down the left for his second, Roets raced down the centre for his hat-trick and Ashley Bateman went over on the right wing.

Webster kicked all four conversions successfully.

Wales: Elliot Kear (Celtic Crusaders), Rhys Williams (Warrington Wolves), Matt Thomas (London Skolars), Christiana

Double-header in the rain for the Athletic under-9s



ABOVE: The Bridgend Athletic under-9s team that took the title at a recent rugby tournament in Salisbury.

who headed towards the try line but was stopped approximately five metres short. He managed to stay on his feet, allowing his team mates to arrive in support, and they drove him over the line to score his second.

During the build up to that try, an Ath player was injured and was replaced by Gwilym John. Play went on and the Ath were running with the ball really well, but credit must go to Tonyrefail, who were

expecting this match to be a close encounter but this was not to be.

The Ath side made their intentions clear from the start, putting Llanharan under tremendous pressure, forcing them into mistakes, turning ball over time and time again, with the forwards showing good strength, allowing the backs to run into space and play some flowing rugby.

It was three tries to nil in the first half, from Connor Fabian with two solo tries and Sam Veasey with one speedster effort.

In the second half, play was no different, with Llanharan unable to cope or come up with an answer to the onslaught the Ath were throwing at them.

Llanharan were trying

to put some passages of play together via their forwards, with some powerful driving but to no avail.

Sam Veasey struck again and raced his way to the line. With the Ath gaining in confidence and finding gaps in the defence with ease, Connor Fabian broke the line to race away and touchdown.

It was not long before Megan Webb got onto the score sheet, when she broke free on two occasions with tremendous speed, to give the Ath a further two tries.

Final score: Llanharan 0, Bridgend Athletic 7.

Player of the match went to Gwilym John, for his all round work rate throughout the game.

Ath Greens: Gwilym John (captain), Jack Obbard, James Hermole, Daniel O'Sullivan, Jade Thomas, Connor Fabian, Teo Fillis, Kasari Mehta, Megan Webb and Sam Veasey. Replacement: Ffion Rebill.

PO

Wales' rugby league team pile up the points in Serbia

WALES will take on Ireland in Pontypridd next Sunday for a place in the European Cup Final after beating Serbia 88-8 in Smederevo on Sunday afternoon.

The match was played at the famous Fortress Stadium in Smederevo, which has hosted World Cup qualifying games involving both Serbia and the old Yugoslavia side.

Man-of-the-match was hat-trick hero Bridgend Blue Bulls' Christiaan Roets, who only just made it over to Serbia in the first place. South African

born, the only non-professional in the Wales side qualified to play for Wales through the residency rule, having been living in Wales for the last eight years.

However, he was initially refused a visa and it was only thanks to the British consulate in Serbia that he was granted a visa hours before the plane departed Heathrow last Friday.

Wales took the lead after only three minutes when Rhys Williams fed Crusaders' Elliot Kear to go over for his first international try. Ian Webster converted again.

Wales took advantage of a loose ball to score their fifth try. Ashley Bateman was quick to the ball, Geraint Davies did well

under pressure to slip the ball to Matt Thomas, who forced his way over in the corner. Webster's kick was just wide of the post.

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Tondu under-10s beat the rain - and Pontardawe!

ON a wet and blustery day better suited to rallying, Tondu under-10s made the journey down to Pontardawe with fewer players than normal.

The ground was soft, but much to the players dismay, not too muddy and there were no puddles on the pitch.

Tondu won the toss and decided to kick off. Ben Merchant kept the ball low as suited the conditions and the game was under way. After the opening exchanges, it was clear Tondu were really up for this match.

It fell to Garryn Thomas to open the scoring on his first game this season with a good charge from outside the Pontardawe 22 to cross the line. The game became a bit broken, with spilled ball and some high tackles from both sides.

However, Tondu held their ground and attacked whenever the ball stuck. The second try came for Joe Duffill in the normal way, receiving the ball on

the wing with little space, coming infield and through the grasping hands of the defence.

Pontardawe hit back almost from the restart, with a direct run through the middle of the pitch, to get their first. However, Tondu came back again and Joe Duffill got his second, with just a hint of a double movement.

First half: Pontardawe 5, Tondu 15.

With two changes made, Tondu took the field. Again they were in the driving seat with the forwards contesting every breakdown and ensuring Tondu ball stayed that way. Garryn Thomas and Callum Booton were to the fore in this with several steals.

Eleri Knight had a few good sniping runs from the back of the scrum and her distribution improved as the game continued. Tondu were able to hold the Pontardawe attack and Joe Duffill completed his hat-trick with another dazzling run.

Pontardawe continued to pressurise Tondu but seemed unable to gain to turn this into points.

and soon they were left short on the right wing for a sweeping move by the Tondu backs.

Ben Merchant crossed the line after a side step and jink from half-way; with Megan Flaherty in close support should the pass be needed.

Pontardawe had the final say when Tondu were unable to clear their lines and when the ball went loose.

Full time: Pontardawe 10, Tondu 25.

Callum Booton was awarded the Star of the Game trophy, another beaming smiler. Well done to the squad, of special note is Ryan Kershaw who stepped up to play hooker and Jamie Richards who played his first game for Tondu U10s.

Tondu squad: Ben Merchant, Garryn Thomas, Ryan Kershaw, Taylor Lloyd, Callum Booton, Morgan David, Joe Duffill, Jordan Morgan, Garryn Thomas, Eleri Knight, Megan Flaherty and Jamie Roberts.

JK

Under-8s fight hard at 'Pont'

ON a cloudy Sunday morning, Tondu under-8s made the trip to Pontardawe. After a late start, the rain held off for a very closely-fought and entertaining game of rugby.

Captained by Garryn Ryall, Tondu were initially feeling the pressure with Pontardawe attacking with intent, some great passing leading to an early try from the older opposition.

Pontardawe continued to press throughout the

first half, and it was only excellent tagging from Tondu that prevented further tries.

Tondu fought back with some great attacking play with Ryan Neagle tagged just short of the line on more than one occasion. Tondu lost possession and Pontardawe scored their second. Determined and quick play from Tondu resulted in their first try, late in the first half with some excellent passing leading to a deserved try for Sam Tatchell.

The second half continued in much the same vein as the first, both

sides attacking and defending well. After the late try for Tondu in the first half, the players showed real eagerness to get something from the game and showed fantastic spirit both in attack and defence.

It was Pontardawe though who scored first to go 3-1 up. Tondu did not let it affect them and still continued to give Pontardawe a 4-1 lead, but kept on pushing and a great team effort gave Kieran Chalmers the last try of the match, leaving the score 4-2 at the final whistle.

Tondu's man of the match was Ryan Neagle.

The squad: Evan Thomas, Cory Ryall, Ethan Derrick, William Watkins, Ryan Neagle, Toby Dowell, Sam Tatchell, Tyler Jones, Miles Olding, Kieran Chalmers, Dylan Lewis, Owen Davies.

CT

Two wins for Pen-y-Fai

PEN-Y-FAI under-12s scored in the first minute against Aberkenfig after some good work by Rob Symmonds, finished by Callan Watts.

Callan Watts scored the next, when the ball was crossed from the right by Callum Jones and he took it on his chest on the edge of the area, turned and volleyed into the bottom left corner. At the end of the half, Huw Williams scored his first with a scrambled goal when he beat the 'keeper to the ball.

The second half started with 'Aber' getting an early reply. That sparked 'Pen' into action and Watts added his third. There was more sloppy play for a while, until Williams broke away for his second. The final goal came from Watts, his fourth of the game.

BRYNTIRION 2 - PEN-Y-FAI 8

PEN-Y-FAI took a strong squad to this fixture as Bryntirion had only lost one game this season.

Pen played up the slope and started brightly. The early pressure told after 10 minutes when Ben Symmonds put Callan Watts in for his first goal. Then it was captain Zac Edwards' turn with a well-drilled shot from 20 yards.

Pen kept the game in the 'Bry' half of the pitch and were rewarded with a goal from hard working striker Huw Williams with Rob Symmonds and Alex Howland running the midfield. The fourth was not long in coming with Callan Watts running through from a long ball from Cameron Thomas. This spurred the home team into life and some neat play from the two strikers brought a well taken goal.

Soon after the re-start, Edwards got his second. The game started to slow down and Callum Jones did some good work down the right hand side with Thomas James, who then put Watts in for his hat-trick.

Not to be left behind, Edwards soon added another for his third with an excellent one-two with Dylan Wicombe. Pen's last goal came from some good work from Brandon Kent and Ellis Rosser who put in Mathew Symmonds who finished well.

Not to be denied, Bryn had the last say with a goal from their midfield.

DM

Good win for Bryncethin

BRYNCETHIN under-13s played their Treorchy counterparts for the first time last Sunday and won a very close game 27-22.

Playing away, Bryncethin stunned the home side by going into the lead with a well-worked try by captain Dan Lockyer.

They then went further ahead with some great work from the whole team resulting in another Lockyer score.

Treorchy struck back immediately with some powerful forward play for an unconverted try almost immediately after the break.

Bryncethin then set

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Dan Lockyer finished

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James Phillips for showing huge endeavour and improvement.

Other notable performances: Ryan Lewis, Curtis Napper, Gareth Evans, Kane Ford, Thomas Lethard and Ryan Richards.

the Zebras crossed for another try in the corner, but a fabulous

Bryncethin move saw James Morgan score a memorable individual try to make the half time score 17-15 to the home side.

The second half was a far tighter affair, Treorchy scoring an unconverted try almost immediately after the break.

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WICK AND LLANTWIT MEET IN LOCAL DERBY GAME



There was a distinct derby smell in the air on Saturday as Wick RFC (pictured above) took on Llantwit Major Druids at Wick. It was a hard fought, and very close, encounter than had everything you would expect from a derby match - but who won? Well, turn to page 20 and you will find out!

Nantyffylon power proves too much for Pencoed under-12s

PENCOED under-12s suffered their third defeat in succession at the hands of Nantyffylon at the weekend.

In appalling conditions, the Pencoed forwards gave as good as they got during the first half against the monster Nanty eight.

Pencoed deservedly went ahead at the stroke of half-time after Rhys Butler made a lovely break in midfield to offload to distant

cousin Lewis Butler, who brushed aside tackles to score under the posts. Luke Bevan converted to give the visitors the lead at the break.

Having the advantage of the steep slope in the second half, Pencoed thought they could extend their lead, but Nanty had other ideas. With the worsening weather conditions suiting their style of play, Nanty began to apply early second half pressure, forcing the Pencoed half backs into a mis-

take on their own try line, which the hosts pounced upon to score.

They then spoiled effectively for the remainder of the half, preventing Pencoed from getting

their backs into the game.

Nanty eventually took the lead with four minutes remaining after their big number eight brushed aside numerous Pencoed tackles to run in a try from the halfway line. **Final score Nantyffylon 12, Pencoed 7.**

SB

English touring side is no match for Pencoed under-9s

LAST Sunday's fixtures saw Pencoed under-9s welcome two teams to the Vervians, Nantyffylon and touring side Newbury.

First up was Nanty, who showed some aggressive defensive play, keeping out the home side until almost half-time, when the speed of Tyron Harding saw him go over for his first.

In the second half, the home began attacking space, causing desperate defence by Nantyffylon, who began to concede penalties. Pencoed exploited this by putting together some set piece moves where the evasive running of Thomas Bending, John Carr, Oliver Lewis and Mikey Bosley made two tries for Sam Costelow.

Final score: Pencoed 7 Newbury 0

The last game was a tough encounter, with Newbury still up for the fight. The mauling and rucking were honours even up to half time, but Pencoed took the lead with an outstanding try from Jack Rowlands, who took most of the Newbury forwards over the line with him.

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The previous week, Portcawl under-9s had a strong 'development side' and offered a dogged defensive display, but Pencoed's more experienced side scored 10 tries in the first game, with the home side just going over for one.

The second game was closer, with Tom Bending producing the man of the match performance with Pencoed running in five and conceding one.

MB

Slice of the action (and pizza) at Oldcastle!

THE neighbourhood policing team for Oldcastle ward in Bridgend has a slice of the action, thanks to the local Dominos Pizza, which has agreed to sponsor a mini football tournament for the area.

Run in conjunction with the Home Office-backed 'Not in My Neighbourhood' Week, the key objective is to inform local people about actions in their area to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to make communities safer. The week will run from November 2-6.

PC Rea David and PCSC Rob Newman are community officers for the Oldcastle ward, which covers Heol Dwyraint and Ffordd Ganol. It is an area that has recently suffered from a high level of anti-social behaviour by young people.

PC David said: "We are very grateful to Dominos Pizza, which has kindly agreed to support the event both by providing trophies for the competition as well as their popular pizzas, which will be welcomed by all taking part."

PCSO Newman added: "Within the area there is a council-owned ball court which is under-used and a recurring complaint from residents is that youths play football all over the estate but never in this court.

"On November 6 from 4.30pm to 6pm, I will be running a mini-football tournament for the area to be run in conjunction with 'Not in My Neighbourhood' Week.

"I am hoping to attract most of the youngsters from the estate and surrounding area. Hopefully I will have at least 20 participants who can be split into teams of five plus a Neighbourhood Police team of five of six officers. It would be great if we could get even more youths involved!"

Kenfig Cougars ease through first round of knockout cup

WEST WALES TROPICS 54
COUGARS 93

FOLLOWING their emphatic first-leg win in the opening round of the South Wales Knockout Cup, the Cougars travelled to Whitland for the return fixture looking for a repeat result.

Although making the long journey with a slightly depleted squad, the Cougars were confident of securing another big win against a relatively inexperienced west Wales side.

Both teams started the game brightly on offence, seemingly scoring at will and matching each other basket for basket. Ashley Powell was particularly effective for Cougars, scoring 12 of his team's 24 points in the quarter.

With the Cougars' defence well below its usual level of intensity, the Tropics took full advantage

scoring 19 points.

The second quarter began as the first had finished, but midway through the period the Cougars began to show their pedigree, scoring eight unanswered points and 16 of the quarter's final 21. At the half-time break, Cougars led 43-30.

After addressing their defensive shortcomings at the interval, the Cougars finally began to play their trademark defence and pressured the Tropics into making a variety of unforced errors.

Ryan Chambers and Chippy Rees led the way throughout the second half and the Cougars outscored the Tropics 20-12 and 30-12 in the third and fourth quarters respectively. The game finished in a 93-54 Cougar win.

The Cougars advance to the second round of the Knockout Cup Competition and next focused on their first league game, at home in Kenfig Hill against the South Wales Police (see report below).

Cougars' player of the game: Ashley Powell.
For more information, visit www.cougarsbasketball.co.uk

Cougars start league season with a win over South Wales Police

THE Cougars played their first league game of the 2009-10 season against an experienced South Wales Police team in Bridgend.

With an almost full squad, everyone involved with the club was confident of obtaining a favourable result to start the new campaign in the best possible manner.

From the opening tip-

off, it was clear that the Cougars wanted the game more and played with superior drive and intensity. Excellent perimeter shooting from Ryan Chambers, Chippy Rees and Rod Went allowed the Cougars to jump out to a big lead and take a 29-13 advantage into the second quarter.

Both teams had success in running the floor throughout the half, with neither squad playing inspiring transition defence. Cougars contin-

ued to play the better basketball overall, however, outscoring the Police team 28-20 in the second period and holding a 57-33 advantage at the half.

The third quarter played out similarly and excellent shooting from Cougars increased the lead. The Police were limited to 15 points and this crushed any possibility of a miraculous comeback.

Cougars continued this play efficiently, with Lee Davies particularly

effective running the floor and scoring eight of the team's 26 points. The game ended in a 111-64 Cougar win.

The Cougars now face a very stern test in the form of Barry Huskies, who visit Kenfig Hill this week. This game, along with the return fixture, could easily decide the outcome of the South Wales League this season. Cougars' player of the game: Ryan Chambers.

Cwmavon are no obstacle to rampant Porthcawl under-15s

PORTHCAWL under-15s played away to Cwmavon who, straight from the kick-off, powered into the Porthcawl 22 and an infringement at a ruck allowed a penalty chance to the home side - the attempt just failed and it was the kick-start Porthcawl needed.

Two big packs of forwards battled it out, but once again, Porthcawl's well-organised set pieces at line out and scrum

helped the pack take control. The unsung heroes, captain Jack Williams, Adam Mounce, Emry Wile and Nick Lloyd were tireless at ruck and maul. With surging runs by Owen Wright, Ben Smith and Evan Williams, the Seagulls were dominant in all phases.

Dan Evans, starting his first game in the back row, gave a creditable performance throughout. Behind, the ball was worked swiftly at all times, allowing wings Declan Brown and Lloyd Rosser-Stanford to threaten the

visitors' 22. It was a complete 15-man performance and half-backs Skippy Matthews and Josh White controlled confidently, with centres Huw Mitchell and Tom Bluck causing havoc with their pace and strength. Geraint Watkins' support play at 15 was also effective.

Josh White scored two good tries in the first half, with Declan Brown's audacious two-dummy try in the corner, something special. Huw Mitchell deserved his try, together with Tom Bluck, who combined

well with Josh White to score wide out.

Lloyd Rosser-Stanford once again was too pacey and strong and he crossed wide out. The final score deservedly went to Adam Mounce, grafting to secure his first try of the season. Josh White kicked three conversions and Huw Mitchell two.

In fairness to the home side, they never gave up and James Mayers at No 8 was outstanding all game.

"To come to Cwmavon and score the tries we did and not concede was refreshing.

"We look forward to each game with respect for the opposition, but also a steely determination," enthused coach Paul Owen (former Aberavon and Bridgend stalwart).

PB

Good scalp for Porthcawl under-14s in close contest

PORTHCAWL RFC under-14s have had a good run recently, but knew that they were in for a stiff test against a team that they have never beaten in this mid-week fixture at the South Road ground.

True to form, Pontyclun started well and pressurised the home team from the start and were very soon rewarded by a converted try.

Porthcawl responded well and from a good handling movement by the backs, centre Jim Needs scored a well-worked try, converted by

Jake Williams. It was cut and thrust at this stage, with both sides attacking and defending well. The deadlock was broken, however, when good approach play saw Lewis Simpson charge over the try line.

With Pontyclun scoring again, the score at half-time was 12-12, with both sets of supporters applauding the standard of rugby played by both teams.

The second half followed the same pattern, with Pontyclun scoring the first try and Porthcawl scoring second, after a speculative kick ahead, from Jake Williams.

So it was down to the last quarter, with both

sides playing well but Porthcawl just managing to stay in their opponents' half through good play by full-back Jacob Thomas.

This territorial advantage was soon rewarded by a penalty, and it was duly dispatched between the posts by captain Jim Needs.

Pontyclun are a good team and refused to settle for a rare defeat, and some fine play saw them encamped on the Porthcawl line for the last five minutes.

However, sometimes defence wins games as well as attack and this was the case as Porthcawl tackled well and saw the game out as worthy 20-17 winners.

Porthcawl under-12s win away against Tondu

PORTHCAWL under-12s visited local neighbours Tondu for only their third game of the season.

However, Porthcawl have kept sharp in training and started the game at Tondu with high intensity. They scored two tries in the first half, courtesy of Luke Morgan and Oliver Baker. The two conversions by Conner Jones were successful.

The second half started with Porthcawl ahead by 14-10. During a very entertaining second half, further Porthcawl tries were scored by Connor Chilcott and Luke Morgan, with Connor Jones again successful with one conversion.

Both teams contributed to a excellent game, final score Tondu 15, Porthcawl 26.

MF

Reserves come back to gain an away point

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PORTHCAWL Reserves recovered a two-goal deficit to share the spoils and remain unbeaten this season.

At a rain-soaked and windswept Athletic Ground, the home side stirred hope of an upset after leaving Porthcawl to rue after another shaky opening which saw the Seasiders fall two goals behind for the second successive game.

Treharris' winger broke the deadlock after edging past his man to poke home before The Lilywhites doubled their lead when their veteran forward side-footed home a low drive from inside the box.

The visitors warmed

to the contest and by the break were producing the better football. Midfield creator Alex Winkler was an imposing threat from the left flank while Andrew Hedley anchored the centre of park.

Porthcawl struck on the stroke of half time when player-manager Tom Warren floated over a free-kick from the edge of the area towards advancing front man Lee Giles, who headed home from an acute angle

Treharris' keeper. Porthcawl's endeavour paid dividends when captain Alex Winkler's corner was met by imposing centre-back Christian Bold, whose bullet header found its way in at the near post.

Treharris rarely threatened in the second period and when they did they were harried superbly tipped over by

until they surrendered possession.

The Seasiders continued to press and were relentless in search of a winner but despite their efforts and some well-crafted openings, they were forced to settle for a point.

Porthcawl entertain Pontyclun at Locks Lane on Saturday.

Walters stuns Fardre

VETERAN striker Brandon Walters produced a four-goal salvo as central league pacemakers Porthcawl Town come from behind to maintain their perfect start to the season.

The high-flying Seasiders made an uncharacteristic start, gifting the home side two goals after failing to clear their lines, but even with a two-goal deficit, Porthcawl were always capable of reverting to their free-scoring early-season form.

As the visitors searched for inspiration Walters, who at 35 remains a lethal marksman, stepped up to steer his side to victory, firing a clinical brace after being supplied by Matt Giles and brother Lee.

The former Bryntirion man secured his hat-trick from the spot after striker partner Matt Giles, who made a nuisance of himself throughout, was felled

in the box.

The always-threatening Giles was now receiving special attention and was on the receiving end of some heavy challenges. However, the striker maintained his composure to bring about Porthcawl's fourth after his sharp feet on the edge of the 18-yard box forced his marker to haul him down.

Player-manager Tom Warren left Fardre's keeper stranded as he fired the free-kick into the bottom right hand corner from 20 yards.

The visitors wrapped up the win when Alex Winkler, who worked tirelessly on the flank all afternoon, skipped past his marker before playing a majestic ball into the feet of Walters in the box who neatly slotted home his fourth.

Final score: Porthcawl Town 5 Llantwit Fardre 2

THE SEASON SO FAR ... PORTHCAWL BLUE MARLINS

Seven wins and a draw for the under-12s as they lead league

PORTHCAWL Athletic under-12s (Blue Marlins) are in their first season playing 11-a-side football on a full pitch and are undefeated after eight games.

The opening game was against Baglan BGC away. In previous seasons, Baglan were always the stronger team and intimidated their opposition due to their sheer size and presence!

Porthcawl came away with a stunning 5-2 victory, which left everyone shell-shocked.

Second up were Croeserw away. If Baglan were big boys,

these lads were giants compared to Porthcawl's small and slender team.

On this occasion, David outplayed Goliath in a tough competitive game which was won purely because of the Marlins' superior fitness and agility.

Croeserw lost their first home game 2-6 to a now confident Porthcawl Athletic.

The third game was at home to Porthcawl's second side in a mid-week game played on one of those beautiful end-of-summer evenings. All the parents turned out to provide a festive atmosphere around the pitch.

The boys rose to the occasion and gave a sparkling exhibition of football and ended up 8-1 the victors.

The biggest match of the season was against Port Talbot Town, a team Porthcawl hadn't beaten in three years and far superior in number.

However, this was played at Porthcawl and again, the parents turned out in force.

Both teams were evenly matched for playing ability, but the Marlins wanted the win more, narrowly holding on to a 3-2 win.

Next up were Cynffig, old rivals, with both sides convinced of their superiority. Porthcawl were down to just 10 men at the start and Cynffig put up a strong

first half assault on the Marlins, who defended well and eventually countered to go three goals into the lead by half time.

Cynffig, stunned by the scoreline, tried desperately to come back into the game, but were subjected to a further four goal onslaught in the second half and only managed one consolation goal. Porthcawl 7, Cynffig 1.

Afan Lido, Porthcawl's biggest rivals, suffered the same fate with a 5-0 goal fest in absolutely ferocious wind.

Against Corus, the boys' home advantage was taken away due to a lack of pitches and the game was played at Rest Bay. This unsettled the boys a little and the pressure of winning was now beginning to show.

In spite of this the boys threw everything into the game and missed four or five excellent chances of putting the game out of reach. Corus not only kept in the game with some excellent work from their keeper, but managed to salvage a last-minute equaliser to finish the game Marlins 2, Corus 2. This was a well-earned result for Corus.

The last team were Trefelin. After beating Porthcawl last season 3-

0, they believed that they were the team to finish the run. It was another home match and another very windy day.

Trefelin opted for the wind advantage but never looked like scoring. Their only chances at goal came from inside their own half with hopeful wind-assisted kicks to try and test the keeper.

Trefelin were three-nil down at half time and knew that the second half would get worse. They got more frustrated as the game progressed. Porthcawl's 4-3-3 tactic paid dividends and Trefelin were beaten 8-0.

Next week starts the return leg of the season and the title is ours to lose; but the Marlins are not going to give up easily and hope to retain the crown for the rest of the season.

The club is still looking for several experienced players to complement the squad. The club offers structured training sessions and regular weekend fixtures.

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VALE KARATE NEWS ROUND-UP

Busy time for karate students as they compete in tournaments



ABOVE: Some of the Vale Karate's Kata competitors at the Welsh Open championships.

THE Home Nations Karate Grand Slam was hosted by Ireland's governing body for Karate ONAKAI in Dublin, with two of Vale Karate's squad representing Wales.

Kumite coach Gareth Reynolds was once again included in the Welsh men's team, as Natasha Paton made her full international debut for the Welsh ladies team.

The men had a torrid time and although putting together some good performances, they couldn't quite perform as they hoped and left without silverware – Ireland being the surprise winners.

Tasha went on to be Wales' only unbeaten fighter, as she won all three of her fights, helping Wales to second place.

UK OPEN STOURBRIDGE was the venue for the UK Open.

Kloe Christoforato has established herself as one of Britain's best under-10 Kata competitors, and in Stourbridge, Kloe was competing in the under-10 mixed category and had to settle for silver, beaten in the final by England's impressive Michael Holmes.

Vale Karate's first gold medal of the day was, however, assured as Chloe Fry and Bradley Christoforato progressed to meet in the final of the 10-12 mixed Kata, beating some excellent competitors on the way. Bradley earned the majority of flags to take his long-overdue first title of the year!

The senior Kata 'double' was sealed with Andrew Kanias and Sarah Morgan proving too good for the opposition, winning the men's

and ladies titles respectively. Matthew Hill was also on form, taking the 16 and 17 Kata gold.

The fifth and final title of the day was won by Nick Sherrin, who came through five tough rounds, showing determination and courage to take the boys 10-12 Kumite title.

WELSH BUSHI-KAI

MORE than 60 Vale Karate students entered The Welsh Bushi-Kai Championships, winning a couple of dozen medals in the process.

Vale Karate have taken huge strides in the area of karate for young people with disabilities and special needs, and The Welsh Bushi-Kai are one of several tournament organisers who have embraced the initiative.

Once again, the category was a success, with Vale Karate students filling all four podium spots. Zak Abdulrahman took gold ahead of Courtney Lloyd in silver medal position with James Jones and Asa Madsen taking bronzes.

The final of the under-18 -76kg event featured two athletes who will be representing their respective nations, England and Wales at the World Championships in Morocco next month. Vale Karate's Rhys Davies and Alex Sell.

A close match ended in a draw and so was followed by the new 'Sai Shai' rule, another one-minute match. Rhys dug deep and emerged a clear winner.

Rhys is one of four Vale Karate squad members among the 10-strong Welsh squad competing at the World under-21 championships in Morocco next month.

The girls were domi-

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LOCAL GOLFER TAKES PRIZE IN CHARITY TOURNAMENT

JUNIOR golfers from clubs across south Wales recently played in the first-ever Junior Golf Championship, organised by The Joshua Foundation and sponsored by Sony UK.

Held at Cottrell Park, 14-year-old Cameron Sleeth (from the home club) beat off tough competition from 20 other youngsters to take the title of The Joshua Foundation Junior Golf champion, 2009.

Sarah Cornelius, the chief executive of The Joshua Foundation, said: "The day was an overwhelming success and helped to raise some much-needed funds for the charity. I would like to say a big thank you to all clubs who took part in this year's competition."

Second place was taken by Joe Gibbs of Bargoed Golf Club after a back-nine count-back against Cameron, following a 40-point tie. Third

place was awarded to Callum Matthews, from Radnor Golf Club. All top three competitors received a gift from sponsor Sony UK.

The juniors represented their own golf clubs, having won a qualifying competition earlier in the year.

Thirteen-year-old Cameron started playing golf three years ago when he went with a friend to a golf lesson. He picked up a club and found that he had a natural talent for the game.

His coach, John Hastings, believes that, as one of the best young golfers he has taught, he has huge potential and expects to see a rapid drop in his handicap, currently 16.

Sony UK Technology Centre, managing director, Steve Dalton, said: "We are delighted to have adopted the Joshua Foundation as our charity this year and were thrilled to be involved in their first-ever Junior Golf Championship. Events like these are a

great way of involving young children in charity work in a way that is both fun and enjoyable."

The Joshua Foundation was created in September 1998 to provide holidays and experiences for children and their families where the child is diagnosed with terminal cancer. The Joshua Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary on December 4, 2008, and in the 10 years since the charity was founded, it has raised £5 million and helped more than 250 children.



Winner Cameron Sleeth with Nicky Piper.

Mark gets a 'poultry' total of 47 to triumph

IN the Men's Christmas Poultry Stableford at Wenvoe Castle GC, Christmas came early for the winner, Mark Donovan who 'roasted' the field with a remarkable 47 points.

Andy Taylor also scored well to take second place with 41. The competition attracted a

large entry of 131. The October Medal Club captain Brian Green's almost continual practice finally paid off in winning the Seniors Stableford. His score of 38 points was a significant improvement in form and was just enough to squeeze out Roger Thomas, who finished with a very creditable 37.

Ladies Stableford: The Ladies section took part in an 18-hole Stableford in tough conditions. Sheila Morrow took first prize with an excellent 34 points, closely followed by Lynda Campbell, who took second with 32.

Vaughan maintains run of form with a double

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

A BERTHIN'S
Tim Vaughan kept up his remarkable run of winners with a 97-1 weekend double.

On Saturday at Stratford, his four-year-old *Slip* ran out a six lengths winner of the Totesport.com Maiden Hurdle under Bernie Wharfe and on Sunday at Wincanton his eight-year-old bay mare *Lucky Pearl*, partnered by Llanharan's Tom David, was a length winner of the Who Do You Think You Are Handicap Hurdle.

An exuberant front-running horse, *Timber Tool* was the first winner of the Daily Telegraph Cup in 1990 when he won 11 of his 12 races.

The only horse to beat him that season was the highly-regarded *Katesville*.

Timber Tool, who was 29 years old, was ridden mostly by Tim Rooney and won 28 races all told, including 20 men's open races and three ladies' open races.

TIM'S HAT-TRICK

Abertoruan trainer Tim Vaughan, who is enjoying his best-ever season, saddled three winners at Fakenham last Friday

and all three were ridden by stable jockey Richard Johnson.

Seven-year-old *Bally* started the ball rolling when winning the Racing Welfare Novices' Hurdle, then

ished in front of him were very good horses.

On a sad note, Evan's mother Mary Evans, recently found her prolific point-to-point winner *Timber Tool* dead in a field at her Pembrokeshire farm.

TOM'S LUDLOW WIN

Tom David, (18) from Llanharan, riding the Tim Vaughan-trained *Stoneriggs Merc*, landed the Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase at Ludlow last Thursday.

The six-year-old, who started the 6-4 favourite to go home by a head from *BackfromtheCongo*.

ARTHUR'S EDGE

Cowbridge trainer, Bryn Palling, took the Red Mills Trainers' Championship Handicap at Brighton last

Thursday with *Arthur's Edge*, who scored by one and a half lengths from *Lochan Mor*.

In a field of 15 runners, *Arthur's Edge*, partnered by Welsh jockey David Probert, who is challenging for the apprentice jockeys title, went off the 9-2 favourite.

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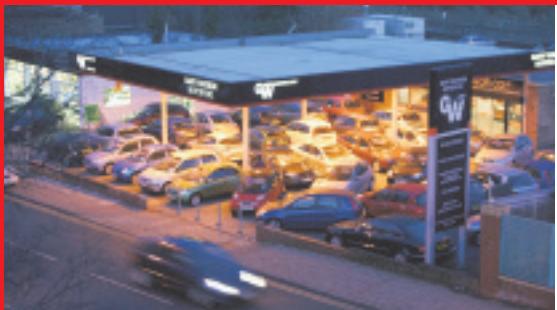
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54	RANGE ROVER Vogue 4.4 V8. In oslo blue, cream leather trim, 55,000 miles, sat nav, tv, zenons etc	£18,995
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52	BMW 325 SE Auto. In black with black leather trim, 38,000 miles, local car at	£7,995
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05	VW Golf Plus 1.9 TDi Sport In silver, 80,000 miles, 1 owner, great looking diesel at	£7,495
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54	RENAULT Megane 1.6 5-dr Expression in black, 46,000 miles	REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,495
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03	RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression Auto in black, 1 owner, 31,000 miles	£4,495
05	KIA Picanto 1.1 SE 5-dr in silver, 36,000 miles with £35 road tax	£3,995
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54	CITROEN C2 1.1LX 3-dr. In met red with cd etc, local car on offer at	£3,995
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54	SUZUKI 1.5 VVTi Ignis Sport. Silver, 50,000 miles, Recaro seats, alloys etc	REDUCED BY £1000 TO £3,495
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52	FIESTA 1.4 Zetec 5-dr. In jade met, 47,000 miles, fantastic value at	REDUCED BY £200 TO £3,495
W	MERCEDES A190 Avantgarde Auto. Met paint, 55,000 miles with full sunroof, alloys, half leather	£3,495
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04	DAEWOO Matiz 1.0SE+. In met gold, low mileage local car at	£2,995
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03	DAEWOO Kallos 1.4SE 5-dr. In met-blue, 56,000 miles, ideal family hatch	REDUCED BY £300 TO £2,695
51	VAUXHALL Zafira 1.6 Club (7-seater) in silver, 89,000 miles, nice example at	£2,995
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07	56 JAGUAR X-Type 2.0D SE Estate. In shadow grey with full leather interior, colour touch screen sat nav, heated seats, cruise control, climate control, only 18,495 miles	£14,995
05	05 MERCEDES Benz 1.8 SLK 200 Compressor Auto 2-dr Convertible in Tellur silver, black leather interior, climate control, multi function steering wheel, CD, alloys, only 61,000 miles	£16,995
05	55 VOLVO S40 2.0 Diesel SE in Amethyst with Ivory Leather interior, cd, alloys, cruise control, electric sunroof, electric seats, only 34,255 miles	£9,995
04	54 MERCEDES Benz CL500 5 litre 2-dr Auto coupe. In amazzone blue with java leather interior with AMG sound system, AMG body styling, electric sunroof, only 48,245 miles	£19,995

SPORTS

07	07 BMW 120D MSport 2.0TD 5-Dr Hatchback. In Le Mans blue with black leather interior, climate control, sat nav, MSport alloys, rear parking sensors, only 44,300 miles	£17,995
07	07 VW Beetle 1.6 Luna 2-Dr Cabriolet. In harvest moon beige with dark interior, heated seats, CD, front fog, colour coded bumpers, only 11,335 miles	£12,995
07	07 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 HDi 3-Dr Hatchback. In Onyx black with Madrid black/grey interior, air con, only 17,495 miles, front fog, colour coded bumpers, only 29,405 miles	£8,495
06	06 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6i 16V SXi Sport Hatch. In black sapphire with silver alpha charcoal interior, alloy wheels, CD, air con, body coloured bumpers, only 35,065 miles	£7,995
06	06 FORD Focus 1.8TDCi Sport 5-Dr Hatchback. In panther black with dark flint interior, CD, air con, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 55,315 miles	£7,495
05	05 AUDI A3 2.0TDI Sport 3-Dr Hatchback. In avus silver with Matrix grey interior, climate control, 17" alloy wheels, front fog, colour coded bumpers, only 39,280 miles	£11,995
05	05 MINI 1.6 Cooper S (Chilli Pack). Black, black leather interior, a/c, alloys, cd, rear parking sensors, only 49,390 miles	£11,995
05	05 BMW X3 2.0D Sport 5-Door Station Wagon. In blue water silver with black leather interior, sat nav, multi CD, heated seats, front and rear parking sensors, only 61,930 miles	£14,995
05	05 AUDI A3 2.0TDI Sport 3-Dr Hatchback. In avus silver with black interior, 17" alloy wheels, climate control, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 70,565 miles	£11,995
04	04 MG ZT 1.8T 160 5-Dr Estate. In pearl blue with Monaco ash half leather interior, alloy wheels, climate control, multi function steering wheel, only 32,320 miles	£5,995
04	04 AUDI TT Coupe 1.8 T Quattro (225). In ebony black met with full black leather, alicantana upholstery, heated seats, trip computer, climate, traction control, 6 cd autochanger, only 68,710 miles	£11,995
04	04 TOYOTA Celica 1.8 VVTi Premium Coupe. In crystal silver with Montreal black leather interior, climate control, alloy wheels, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 27,920 miles	£7,995
04	04 PEUGEOT 206 1.6 HDi 110hp GTi 3-Dr Hatchback. In Sahara yellow with half anthracite leather interior, digital air con, multi CD, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 22,755 miles	£6,995
04	04 PEUGEOT 307 CC 2.0 16v 2-door Coupe Convertible. In Pearlcent Maroon with grey leather interior, rear parking aid, 17" alloy wheels, 5 disc auto-changer, body coloured bumpers, only 26,790 miles	£7,995
04	04 RENAULT Clio 182 Sport 3-Dr hatchback. In met blue with half leather/suede interior, sports seats, traction control, climate control, hillstart control, alloys, 6 cd auto changer, only 51,314 miles	£6,995
02	02 FORD Focus 1.7 3-Dr Coupe. In moondust silver with Silverstone grey interior, CD, alloy wheels, air con, only 35,000 miles	£3,995
W	00 AUDI Cabriolet 1.8 Final Edition. In silver with chilli red interior, alloy wheels, CD, iPod connection, front fog, colour coded bumpers, only 62,510 miles	£4,995
W	00 MAZDA MX-5 1.8 icon Limited Edition. In Art Vin Red with oatmeal leather interior, body coloured bumpers, alloy wheels, CD, factory alarm and immobiliser, only 79,555 miles	£4,995
99	99 T BMW Z3 1.9 2-Dr Convertible. In Green with green leather interior, colour coded bumpers, CD, alloy wheels, electric hood, only 51,300 miles	£5,995

FAMILY

07	07 FORD Focus 1.8 TDi Ghia 5-dr Hatchback. Moondust silver, ebony leather interior, heated seats, a/c, quick clear screen, cruise control, only 30,720 miles	£9,995
57	57 FORD Focus 1.8 TDCi Style 5-dr Hatchback. In tonic blue with heated front screen, climate control, CD, air con, only 70,000 miles	£9,995
06	06 FORD Focus C-Max 1.6 16V 5-dr MPV in tonic blue with dark flint interior, cd, air con, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 31,000 miles	£8,995
06	06 PEUGEOT 307 1.6 16V SE 5-dr Hatchback. In hurricane grey with ikho black interior, front fog lights, multi CD, air con, rear parking sensors, only 40,018 miles	£6,995
06	06 PEUGEOT 307S 1.6 Auto 5-dr Hatchback. Himalayan grey, perio black interior, a/c, cd, alloys, colour coded bumpers, only 16,350 miles	£6,995
05	05 FORD Focus 1.8i 16v 110hp Exclusive 5-dr MPV. Oriental blue, blue interior, cruise, auto start/stop, fog, steering wheel mounted audio controls, only 32,955 miles	£6,495
05	05 VW Passat Trendline 1.9 TDI 100 4-dr Saloon. In diamond black with anthracite interior, a/c, cruise, alloy wheels, only 35,625 miles	£7,495
05	05 VW Golf 1.6 Fsi (115ps) SE 5-dr hatchback. In New River Blue with anthracite interior, climate control, cruise control, cd, only 42,490 miles	£7,495
04	04 PEUGEOT 206 SW 2.0 HDi 90 XSi 5-dr Estate. China blue, black/grey merlin interior, a/c, body coloured bumpers, only 45,796 miles	£5,995
04	04 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 16V Club. In royal blue with Tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, multi function steering wheel, air con, CD, only 45,195 miles	£5,495
04	04 ROVER 25 1.4 Impression S3 5-dr Hatchback. In british racing green, with dark interior, alloys, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, body coloured bumpers, only 44,162 miles	£2,995
04	04 TOYOTA Avensis 1.8 16V 5-dr Saloon. In silver fern, st moritz charcoal, map gps, air con, climate control, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles	£7,495
04	04 RENAULT Megane 1.9 DCi 120 Dynamique 5-Dr Hatchback. In metallic silver with anthracite interior, alloy wheels, CD, colour coded bumpers, air con, only 42,955 miles	£5,995
03	03 LAND ROVER Freelander 1.8 ES 5-Dr Station Wagon. In epsom green, with smokestone leather interior, multi CD, air con, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, only 43,485 miles	£4,995
01	01 Y BMW 3 Series 1.9i 316 4-Dr Saloon. In bright red with dark interior, electric windows, colour coded bumpers, driver and passenger airbags, only 49,125 miles	£4,995

SMALL

08	08 TOYOTA Yaris 1.0 VVT-i T2 5-dr Hatchback. In crystal silver, electric windows and mirrors, CD, multi-function steering wheel, only 3,725 miles	£7,995
07	07 RENAULT Clio 1.5 DCi 68 Extreme hatchback. In black with anthracite interior, alloy wheels, cd, electric windows, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, only 35 per year road tax, 27,650 miles	£7,295
06	06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Extreme 3-dr Hatchback in nautical blue with alloys, air conditioning, body coloured bumpers, only one 30,000 miles, multi function steering wheel, cd, only 18,091 miles	£7,995
06	06 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Zeta Climate 5-dr Hatchback. In Tonic blue with Kompass blue interior, air con, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, only 39,475 miles	£6,495
06	06 PEUGEOT 107 1.0 12v Urban 3-dr Hatchback. In raven black with black matrix interior, electric windows, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 16,465 miles, £35 a year tax	£5,495
05	05 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 16V Sport 5-dr Hatchback in aluminium silver with dark interior, cd, alloy wheels, air con, immobiliser, only 31,000 miles, £35 a year tax	£5,995
05	05 RENAULT Megane 1.5 DCi 80 Dynamique 3-Dr Hatchback. In metallic silver with anthracite interior, cd, front fog, £35 a year road tax, only 60,945 miles	£5,495
04	04 RENAULT Megane 1.5 DCi 100 Dynamique 3-Dr Hatchback. In capsicum red with Ruche charcoal interior, rear parking sensors, cd, air con, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 37,460 miles	£5,295
04	04 SUZUKI Alto 1.1 GL 5-Dr Hatchback. In cool silver with grey interior, immobiliser, CD, body coloured bumpers, power steering, only 28,000 miles	£3,495
04	04 TOYOTA Corolla Pepper 5-dr Hatchback. In chilli red with half leather interior, rear spoiler, alloy wheels, only 50,170 miles, factory fitted alarm and immobiliser	£6,995
04	04 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback. In Platinum silver with dark grey interior, sunroof, alloy wheels, CD, front fog, only 37,700 miles	£4,795
04	04 FORD KA 1.3 Style 3-dr Hatchback. In moondust silver with digit anthracite interior, CD, power steering, colour coded bumpers, only 48,656 miles	£3,495
03	03 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.3 5-dr Hatchback. In platinum grey with Castava grey interior, heated seats, cd, electric windows, quick clear front screen, alloy wheels, CD, air con, only 48,741 miles	£6,495
02	02 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v Privilige 5-dr Hatchback. In Nordic green with vertigo grey interior, air con, sunroof, 5 belted seats, body coloured bumpers, power steering, only 38,940 miles	£2,995
02	02 DAEWOO Matiz 0.8 SE 5-Dr Hatchback. In Cobalt blue with grey interior, immobiliser, power steering, colour coded bumpers, service history, only 30,610 miles	£2,295
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05 54 MG ZT-T 1.8T 160 5-Dr Estate. In Royal blue, Monaco ash half leather interior, alloy wheels, multi function steering wheel, air con, CD, only 32,320 miles

04 FORD Ka 1.3 Style 3-Dr Hatchback. In moondust silver with digit anthracite interior, CD, power steering, colour coded bumpers, only 48,656 miles

05 54 PEUGEOT 206 SW 2.0 HDi 90 XSi 5-dr Estate. China blue, black/grey merlin interior, a/c, body coloured bumpers, cd, alloys, only 45,796 miles

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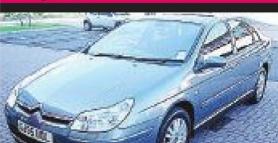
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Confiscated crooks' cash kits out the Mermaids



(Back row): Melissa Arneil (coach), Sophie Harris, Sophie James, PCSO Sharyn Philemon, Olivia Gibbs, Olivia Thomas, Laura Levesque (vice-captain), Danielle Ulberini (head coach). (Front row): Abigail Gallafant, Jenny Thomas, Sophia Matthews, and Rachel Jones.

THE Mermaids netball team, which is based in Porthcawl, has been provided with new kit from profits confiscated from drug crime, which is used to fund worthwhile community projects.

Sharyn Philemon, the

PCSO for Porthcawl west ward, which covers Porthcawl Comprehensive School where the teams practise, approached Supt Tim Jones for funding for the kit to give the netball team a clear identity as they were simply wearing their own polo shirts and jogging bottoms to games.

The Mermaids, aged

between seven and 12 years, were formed in January by coach Danielle Ulberini as part of Porthcawl Athletic, and since then they have attracted more than 60 members, and the team is still growing.

Danielle Ulberini said: "We would like to say a big thank you to PCSO Sharyn Philemon for her help and support

with the funding. The girls now feel they are part of a team and look more professional."

Porthcawl Mermaids Netball Club are still looking for sponsors for another under-12s team and under-11s team. Anyone interested should contact Tony Ulberini on 0786742452/01656 772918.

Superb local derby cup encounter is a real thriller

THIS Ospreys league game was much awaited by both sides, with the Athletic as reigning Welsh Champions having to visit close rivals Tondu in what was expected to be the toughest test to date.

Tondu got off to a good start when from the kick off the Athletic failed to gather the ball on their own 22. This led to several minutes of severe pressure from Tondu, resulting in the award of a penalty chance in front of the posts which they failed to convert.

Welsh under-18s fly half Matthew Morgan, playing in the unaccustomed role of full back, cleared the pressure when he caught a high ball and counter-attacked with a lovely run, only to be forced out on the half way line.

The strong breeze was blowing across the field with perhaps a slight advantage to Tondu, but the Athletic kickers showed admirable skill in forcing Tondu back with some great touch finders. Outside half Tom Parry in particular put some great kicks in off both feet.

Then, from a lineout on the half-way line, the Athletic took a great ball through second row Matthew Hall and drove the Tondu pack back some 30 yards, resulting in the award of a penalty which Tom Davies gratefully converted.

Unfortunately,

Bridgend centre James Olds had to leave the field after several minutes of the game with a recurrence of an ankle injury. The Athletic were then caught for holding on in the tackle area, and Aled Thomas took his chance this time to even up the scores.

The wind was making passing difficult for both sides. Tondu were making use of their big number eight Ben Thomas to make the hard yards but the stronger Athletic scrum, with loose head Njabulo Dladla outstanding, often made it difficult for a tidy pick up from the base.

Tom Davies then kicked a tricky penalty in the conditions from 50 yards out to give the Athletic some breathing space at 14-3 up, but Tondu were not finished yet.

The Athletic allowed Tondu to gain a foothold in their 22 with some inept play. This inspired Tondu to mount a series of forward drives, but some typically great

Athletic defence kept them at bay until from a five yard scrum in the corner, where Ben Thomas crossed for a well-worked try, brilliantly converted by Aled Thomas.

This was only the second try the Athletic had conceded in a year and it spurred them on to respond with a try of their own from a similar position. From the scrum, Tom Davies picked up and broke to the open side where he slid in for the match-winning score, converted by himself for a haul of 16 valuable points.

The game seemed over but Tondu were having none of that and from an Athletic clearance kick, Tom Graham gathered and scored a great try under the posts from 35 yards out, converted by Aled Thomas.

This made the final two minutes nerve jangling, but the Athletic established some pressure of their own and secured a hard-fought victory in readiness for their Welsh Cup tie at Rhyl next weekend.

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THE ATHLETIC MUST STAY OUT OF THE SIN-BIN

LAST season, the Athletic stood out in Division Two West, just as Maesteg are doing this season. However, all three borough teams can vouch for the higher intensity and organisation of the game in Division One.

For 30 minutes, the Athletic played against a very strong wind, were highly competitive and even led 8-3. However, two tries in three minutes saw the home Feliinfoel side go in at the interval with a 15-8 advantage.

Feliinfoel opened the scoring with a penalty after five minutes from full back Justin Lewis. The Athletic responded in the 10th minute. Lock Jamie Doherty won the ball at a five-metre line out for lock Dan Apsee to peel around the front of the line out to cross in the corner. They added to this lead with an excellent 35-metre penalty into a very strong wind from outside-half Steven Lewis.

In contrast, the Athletic were more static at the rucks, just trying to inch forward keeping the ball very tight to the contact area.

The efforts of keeping out Feliinfoel in the first period seemed to be showing, as they struggled to get the ball from the opposition and failed to match the intensity as Feliinfoel upped the pace of the game. They were also guilty of some poor ball retention and attacking options.

It was no surprise when full back Justin Lewis crossed for his second try when the home side created an overlap. His conversion made the score 22-15. The Athletic's chances

New round of leisure league

B ATTACK look like the early team to catch this term in the Bridgend 6-a-side football league, as Chris Abbot led them to a 3-0 cruise over Dunraven.

Croissants kicked things off with a regulation 2-0 cruise against Pen Y Bont Pirates as William Canavaggio plundered the plaudits, while the always-dangerous Nicky Phillips proved the difference as Racing Inter snuck home by the odd goal in three

FELINFOEL BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

**27
15**

line up of front row Rhodri Jones, Simon Mustoe and Matthew Norman, was solid throughout.

The Athletic have had far too many yellow cards for technical offences this season, and conceded vital tries when their numbers have been reduced.

Often the offences have been in meaningless parts of the field.

The coaches need to address this problem, as it is hard enough to compete in Division One West with a full complement of players on the field. They also need to look at how they can inject more pace in their moves.

This Saturday, the Athletic host Carmarthen Athletic, before a two week break due to Autumn Internationals.

Pencoed Firsts beaten out west by Kidwelly

**KIDWELLY
PENCOED**

**26
8**

THE home side were in the ascendancy for most of this Division Two West match, and ran out deserved winners, scoring three tries to one.

Ken Morris got the Pencoed try, along with a Marc Davies penalty goal. Two yellow cards did not help the Pencoed cause in a disappointing performance.

Skipper James Murphy at No 8, was once again the stand out Pencoed player.

On Saturday, Pencoed will look to leave their league form behind them when they entertain Tondu in the Welsh Rugby Union's newly structured Cup competition at the Recreation Ground.

**PENCOED SECONDS
BRIDGEND ATH**

**12
32**

FOR the opening quarter, the home side had the better of things territorially into a strong wind, but it was the Athlete who led 0-6 with two well judged penalty goals, by outside-half Tom Cole.

On the stroke of half time, the visitors increased their lead with a try, converted by Cole. Early in the second half, Athletic extended their lead, taking advantage of a home yellow card.

Pencoed responded with strong carries from Paul Richards, and James Elton, resulting in a try for scrum half Gareth Tyrell, who unfortunately moments later had to leave the field with a badly dislocated finger.

Any thoughts of a Pencoed fightback were quickly dispelled, with the Athletic scoring two tries within minutes.

The Pencoed pack, which had competed well throughout, then set the platform for Richards to drive across at the posts for a final scoreline of 12-32, which perhaps did not reflect the efforts of the home side.

For Pencoed, Richards, Elton, and Rhys Samuel did well up front, and also Liam Evans in the unfamiliar role of full back.

Try scorers for the Athletic were flanker Ben Howe, lock Gareth Bartlett, centre Nick Hinton and wing Chris McGrath. Outside half Tom Cole converted three of the tries and kicked two penalties.

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